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BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1904.

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THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP
BY THE NEWS MAN.

George King went to Rumford Falls Monday.

D. H. Mason went to Shelburne, N. H., Monday.

George E. King was down from Cuspsuptic over Sunday.

Mrs. Harold Chapman is visiting her mother for a few days.

Miss Rose Kimball spent Sunday at her home in East Bethel.

Miss Frances Carter returned home from her western trip Saturday.

Celebrate "the wearing of the green" at Odeon Hall to-morrow night.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Angela Clark Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Wesley Wheeler has returned from Virginia, where he went a few weeks ago.

Living pictures, original articles and bright selections will be found in "Not Quite."

Rev. C. N. Gleason, wife and daughter spent Saturday and Sunday in Portland.

Mrs. C. Pool is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Young of Sherbrook, P. Q.

The Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday afternoon, March 17, with Mrs. Bisbee.

Dr. A. G. Phipps and family of Gorham, N. H., spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. Wight.

The W. C. T. U. will entertain the Federation at Pattee chapel next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

Master Clyde Lowe has carried the mail from the office to the lumber camp during the past winter.

Miss Marion Wood is spending a few weeks with her father, Mr. F. N. Wood, who resides on Park street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lafortis York have finished their winter work in camp on Sunday River and returned to their home.

Miss Alice L. Billings went to Portland to-day to attend the Rossini recital to be held in Kotshmar hall Thursday.

At the annual meeting of the First Congregational parish held last Tuesday, the following officers were elected:

Moderator—L. T. Barker.
Clerk—J. U. Purington.
Assessors—F. B. Tuell, E. C. Bowler, E. C. Chamberlin.

Dr. G. L. Sturdivant went to New York City Saturday, where he will enter the Post Graduate Hospital for a six weeks' course.

There will be a rehearsal of the O. E. S. at Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening of next week. Officers are especially requested to be present.

"Not Quite" is becoming "quite." Let us convince you of this at Odeon Hall to-morrow night.

Tickets on sale at Wiley's, twenty and thirty cents.

Mrs. G. L. Sturdivant and daughter Dorothea went to Brunswick last Thursday, where they will spend a few weeks with Mrs. Sturdivant's mother, Mrs. Palmer.

Misses Alice and Cleo Russell entertained a few of their girl friends at their home on Broad street last Friday evening. The time was very pleasantly spent at Finch, after which chocolate and cake were served.

Some very attractive folders touching winter tours to Colorado and California are in the hands of Station Agent J. H. O'Connor. Ask for one when you are at the station. They will cost you nothing, and will give you much interesting matter concerning those places of attraction.

The ladies of North Newry, are to hold their fair at Kilgore's hall Saturday, March 19. An oyster supper will be served from six to eight o'clock. Come everybody and help yourself to oyster supper and look over our sales table. The proceeds are to go towards the chapel that North Newry is endeavoring to build.

Mr. Copeland returned to Rumford, Monday.

Miss Ida May Packard is visiting friends in West Paris.

Mr. Frank Flint moved to the upper rent in the Woodbury house Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Emery have returned to their home on Mechanic street.

Mr. H. A. Packard went to Boston last Thursday, in view of finding employment there.

Mrs. Melinda Bean spent the past week with her daughter and other friends in the village.

Miss Hattie L. Foster has been confined to her home for some time by an attack of the grip.

Mr. Daniel Spearin was quite badly burned about the face and head at the fire this morning.

Mrs. Enoch Foster was here Monday, to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Gilbert Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Martin of Rumford Falls, Mrs. Fanning Burbank and Miss Grace Chase of Portland, attended the funeral of Mrs. Martin's mother, Mrs. Phebe Chapman, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Wiley are in Portland, where Mr. Wiley went for treatment. The drug store is in charge of Mr. Howard Wiley who came home from Boston on account of the illness of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. George Megrew were among the first-class passengers on the steamship Canopic, Capt. Maddox, of the Boston-Mediterranean division of the International Mercantile Marine Company's White Star line, which left Boston, March 12, for Naples and Alexandria.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Lowe who have been lumbering for F. L. Edwards, have camped on the road which the first settlers of Bethel traveled when going to Portland for their merchandise. Their winter's work is about completed, and they were in the village Monday looking for a rent.

Mrs. Phebe Barker, widow of the late Gilbert Chapman, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Martin, at Rumford Falls last Saturday morning, after an illness of only two months. Mrs. Chapman leaves many friends in Bethel who will long cherish her memory.

Reserved, of an unusually sweet, lovable disposition, she won friends wherever she was known. Much sympathy is extended to the son and daughters. Funeral services were held in Garland chapel Monday afternoon, and the burial took place in the family lot in Bethel.

"Not Quite."

The following is the prospectus for the magazine which will be given to the public in Odeon Hall March 17, to-morrow night.

Title Page.
Five Advertisements—Tableaux.
Poem—Ashes on the Slide.
Frontispiece—A Day in Old Mexico.

Miss Susan King
Miss Jane Howard Gibson
Miss Elsie Hall

Illustrated Story,
Mrs. Vandekerckhoven
Mrs. G. E. King
Miss Finney
Children's Department,
Miss French
Vocal Solo,
Miss Hastings
Art Department,
Misses King and Hall
Piano Duet,
Mrs. French
Character Song,
Mr. Hutchins
Tableau,
Mrs. Edwards
Poem,
Miss Blanchard
Vocal Duet,
Messrs. Robertson and King
The Suicide Question discussed by
Miss Barton

Two Advertisements—Tableaux.
Wit and Wisdom,
Assistant Editors
Three Advertisements—Tableaux.
Vocal Solo,
Miss Gibson
Back Cover—Companion Tableaux,
Good Night and the Good Morning Kiss.

There are also three full page illustrations of Gibson Art, arranged by Miss Hastings.

An order of eight dances will follow, music for which will be furnished by an orchestra of four pieces.

Tickets on sale at Wiley's; 20 and 30 cent. Dancing 25 cents.

A Gift.

I have a high-bred female dog about eight months old, which I would give to some reliable party on a farm.

METHEL PACKARD,
Main street, Bethel, Me.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

Business Readers will be published in this column at eight cents per line, reckoning six words to the line.

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Opposite Cole Block.

The Paragon Tablets have on the inside of the cover a removable picture representing recognized works of art, portraits of celebrated men, musicians etc, forming an interesting collection of great use to every student. Miss L. C. Hall has them.

This Morning's Fire.

Fire broke out in the house of F. W. Barker on Vernon street this morning a little before eight o'clock. The alarm was quickly given and the fire companies were as usual prompt to act. The flames, however, had made rapid progress in the few minutes required to get there and the oil in which the fire originated was very nearly destroyed before water was applied. From the all the flames had made way to the roof of the main house and were doing their work above the upper ceilings where it was difficult to reach them. After some cutting away, however, the water was applied and the fire soon gotten under control, but not until the oil was totally destroyed and the central portion of the main house very much damaged.

A portion of the furniture was removed but all was more or less damaged by water and by the usage that is wont to be given all things at a fire.

No explanation could be given as to the origin of the fire. There was no fire in the room in which it originated. The room was used as a shed and there was considerable excelsior and shavings about and a spark from some source must have come in contact with the same, but how no one knows.

The house had been built recently by Mr. Barker, in fact it was not fully completed. There was no insurance which fact makes the loss a very hard one for Mr. Barker who has the deepest sympathy of all.

The Second District Republican Convention.

The Second District Republican convention will be held in City hall Lewiston, Maine, Wednesday, April 13, 1904, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress to be voted for at the September election.

To select two district delegates and two alternates to attend the National Republican convention at Chicago, June 21, 1904. To select a district committee and transact any other business that may properly come before it.

The basis of representation will be as follows: Each city, town and plantation will be entitled to one delegate and for each 75 votes cast for the Republican candidate for governor in 1902 an additional delegate and for a fraction of 40 votes in excess of 75 an additional delegate. Vacancies in the delegation of any city, town or plantation can only be filled by a resident of the county in which the vacancy exists.

The District committee will be in session in the reception room of the hall at 11 o'clock a. m., on the morning of the convention for the purpose of receiving the credentials of the delegates. Delegates in order to be eligible to participate in the convention must be elected subsequent to the date of the call of this convention.

The chairman of the various delegations are requested to forward a full list of the delegates and alternates to the secretary for the District committee, J. W. Brackett, Phillips, as soon as they are chosen.

For order Republican District committee.

FRED W. WIGHT, chairman,
J. W. BRACKETT, secretary,
Rockland, Me., Feb. 29, 1904.

BORN.

In Hanover, Feb. 20, to the wife of J. D. Kimball, a son.

G. O. G. Banquet.

Who are the G. O. G's? Is it possible that you have just heard of us? We were organized, as a Leap Year Whist Club away back in December, at the home of Mrs. E. C. Rowe, and we have been having delightful meetings ever since at the homes of Mrs. E. C. Rowe, Mrs. Daniel Hastings, Mrs. W. O. Straw and Mrs. Ben Hopkins.

It was decided a few weeks ago to vary the home meetings by giving a banquet, in honor of the gentlemen of the club at "The Howard." Plans were developed and perfected and that banquet materialized Tuesday evening of last week. It was a great success in every way.

Everything from the turkey to the ices was perfection, of course you would expect it to be so at "The Howard."

Mrs. E. C. Rowe acted as toast-mistress, and the toasts were many, both grave and gay. There was material for much sport and jest as each gentleman of the Club had been kept entirely in the dark as to the lady who was to escort him to that banquet.

Don't prate of woman's curiosity again! It is nothing. Many were the bribes offered and many the arguments used, but those females kept the secret. One lady decided to act as escort for one of her own household even, and circumnavigated the globe, returned to the place from which she started and called for said gentleman without having aroused suspicions in the least. It is reported that one daughter became so out of patience with her father's curiosity and excitement, that she finally said "Well, I never, if I should act so silly, you'd give me a good scolding." So the jests and fun went around, but like all things else, pleasant or otherwise, they came to an end, and just before leaving the table, the Club members joined hands and gave three cheers for the G. O. G's, then joined invited guests in the parlors for the usual game of Whist which is played by this Club, at each meeting, from 8 to 11:45 o'clock. Our hostess was warmly congratulated, the guests bade one another "good night" and the G. O. G's Banquet was a thing of the past. Have the G. O. G's adjourned for the season? Indeed they have not! They are already planning other meetings.

Here's to the G. O. G's—Long may they exist.
Our 1904 Leap Year Whist.

J. H. G.

Corporation Meeting.

The annual meeting of Bethel Village corporation was held at the corporation building last Monday evening. There was nothing to call for an unusual interest hence the attendance was not large. Owing to the illness of G. R. Wiley, clerk, the meeting was called to order by Hon. E. S. Kilborn, and D. G. Lovejoy was elected clerk protem, after which the following officers were elected:

Moderator—E. C. Bowler.
Clerk—G. R. Wiley.
Assessors—Chas. Mason, D. S. Hastings, E. H. Young.
Treasurer—E. C. Rowe.
Collector—H. H. Bean.

Engineers—E. E. Whitney, T. F. Hastings, N. E. Richardson.

It was voted to allow five per cent. discount on all taxes paid on or before July 1, and three per cent. on all paid before Nov. 1. Taxes to be collected for three per cent.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Lighting streets,	\$ 500
Fire department,	250
Hydrant service,	800
Sinking fund,	100
Miscellaneous expenses,	385
Care of common,	50
Total,	\$ 2,145

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS.

Harry Purington, Bethel,	2704
Lymah Wheeler, Bethel,	1923
Miss Ethel Allen, West Bethel,	1812
Gotthard Carlson, Bethel,	1488

Wanted.

Wanted: Boy to learn bicycle repairing.

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NORWAY.

The village schools re-opened Monday.

Miss Helen Staples of Hanover is a guest at Mrs. C. B. Cummings'.

The steam whistle at C. B. Cummings & Sons' mill, Bridge street, sounded a fire alarm Saturday about 10 o'clock. Their dry house, a small building near the mill was in flames. The fire department at once responded and in a few minutes the flames were extinguished. Small damage.

Mark Pride returned from the Central Maine General Hospital Friday. Mrs. Pride was in Lewiston during her husband's sojourn in the hospital.

It is reported that D. Cromett Clark, formerly of the Advertiser, has accepted a position on the Waterville Sentinel.

At the annual meeting of the school board Wednesday, Frank Kimball was elected chairman and Charles P. Barnes, Esq., was re-elected Superintendent of Schools.

The annual drill and ball of Co. D, N. G. S. M., will be held Friday evening, April 1st. Co. C of Auburn will be present and give an exhibition drill.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Management of the Norway Public Library the following officers were elected:

President—John A. Roberts.
Vice-President—Rev. B. S. Rideout.
Secretary—W. C. Leavitt.
Treasurer—E. F. Smith.
Executive Committee—E. F. Smith, A. J. Stearns, B. F. Bradbury.

Purchasing Committee—M. L. Kimball, B. S. Rideout, Frank Kimball.
Rev. Caroline E. Angell read her resignation of the pastorate of the Universalist church, Sunday morning, to take effect May 1st at the completion of the twentieth year as pastor of that church.

Good Morals League.

At a meeting of Bethel citizens held at Garland chapel last Thursday evening, a Good Morals League was organized with the following officers:

President—E. C. Bowler.
Vice President—Rev. F. C. Potter.
Secretary and Treasurer—F. E. Hanscom.

Prudential Committee—Rev. C. N. Gleason, E. C. Park, Esq., A. W. Grover, H. C. Annas.

The society has a charter membership of ninety, and it is hoped that much good may come from the efforts that shall be put forth.

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It needs only a little watchfulness to keep children in good health. Look for the symptoms of little ills and treat them promptly to ward off more serious sicknesses.

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\$200,000 in prizes for Tournament of
Air-Ships. \$15,000 appropriated for
Athletic events.

Time Table in Effect Oct. 4, 1903.

TRAINS GOING EAST.

	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave,	1.45	6.30	1.15
Gorham,	4.00	8.20	3.15
Gilead,	4.25	8.38	3.30
West Bethel,	4.38	8.47	3.41
BETHEL, arrive,	4.45	8.53	3.50
Lookus Mills,	9.00	4.00	
Bryant Pond,	5.05	9.05	4.10
South Paris,	5.36	9.30	4.40
Lewiston,	6.40	10.30	5.30
Portland, arrive,	7.30	11.15	6.15
Boston, via rail,	12.45	4.10	

TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave,	8.15	1.30	7.00
Lewiston,	9.00	2.30	7.50
South Paris,	10.00	3.38	8.47
Bryant Pond,	10.28	4.15	9.18
Lookus Mills,	10.35	4.18	9.20
BETHEL, arrive,	10.46	4.32	9.37
West Bethel,	10.54	4.42	9.40
Gilead,	11.05	4.54	9.59
Gorham,	11.30	5.20	10.25
Island Pond,	1.30	7.50	12.45
Montreal,	6.50	7.20	
Toronto,	7.15	4.50	
Chicago,	8.45	7.20	

The train leaving Bethel at 4.45 A. M.,
East and 9.37 P. M., West, runs every
day; all others every day except Sunday.
Sunday paper train leaves Portland at
7.30 A. M., arriving at Bethel 10.12 A. M.,
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leaves Berlin at 4.00 P. M., Bethel, 5.05
P. M.

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what you can find

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if you don't see what you want,

ask for it.

THE WEB OF FATE

Or, A Revolutionary Scout

By BYRON DOWLING

CHAPTER IV. MAN PROPOSES, BUT WOMAN DISPOSES.

Away, with a free rein! Touching
Selm with the spur, Rupert darted off
at a rapid pace along the indicated
trail, his elastic nerves invigorated
by the delicious freshness of the morn-
ing. The sun had not risen when he
started, but when he turned at the
edge of the cleared land, to get a
parting glimpse at the "Stronghold,"
he saw the herald rays gilding the
summit of Mount Xonah, high above
the eagle's flight, or the sweeping
mist-clouds of the valley.

Soon, as he journeyed onward, there
came countless rays of golden light,
gaining intensity with every moment
of time, to light up the forest scenery.
Myriads of dew-drops reflected these
bright day-tints, and the birds, plum-
ing their wings, made the woods vocal
with their matin songs. The clouds,
like torn veils whirling in the breeze,
could not conceal the change of the
over-arching sky from a deep gray to
a bright azure.

The trail was a fitting pathway to
nature's own temple. Distinctly
marked, it was scarcely wide enough
to permit two horsemen to journey
abreast, and was as circuitous as it
was varied. At times, it would lead
through a grove of old oaks, gray
giants of the woods, whose interlacing
boughs overarched in entwining beau-

ty, like the dim aisles of some gothic
cathedral. Then, amid flexible sap-
lings, whose indented leaves of bright
green admitted a lovely light, would
bubble forth a tiny spring, to send
forth its silvery thread into the wild-
erness, with a gently murmuring
sound. Green groves were traversed,
where beeches, poplars and sycamores,
with an occasional evergreen, sprang
up from luxuriant herbage, offering
shade as well as food for the antlered
race, who so hastily escaped as the
rider approached them. Schooled by
experience, he did not taste the fruit
of the persimmon, as yet untouched by
frost, but when once well on his way,
he occasionally stopped to pluck a
luscious cluster of grapes from some
huge vine, entwining a doomed mon-
arch of the forest with its deathly em-
brace.

While admiring the gorgeous pano-
rama spread out as he sped along, Ru-
pert's thoughts were of his fair de-
liverer from threatened captivity. Bitter
as was his disappointment at Mr.
Maxwell's defection, Aurora entirely
diverted the young officer's thoughts
from the probable consequences as to
his projected command. Charmed by
the lady's patriotic zeal, pleased with
her good sense, and equally fascinated
with her consummate loveliness, he
recalled every word she had uttered
during their brief acquaintance. Mem-
ory—blessed memory—was faithful to
her trust, and the remembrance of her
voice made his heart thrill like the
chords of an Aeolian harp, ready to
burst from the very clearness of its
tone. Long had that heart resembled
a mythological altar, piled with new
thoughts and delicate fancies—and Au-
rora's bright glance, like the sacred
fire of the Olympians, had now kindled
it into a full glow.

But we must leave Rupert, now far
removed from danger, and return to
the "Stronghold."

Miserable visions haunted the pillow
of the unhappy Maxwell, after he had
at last sunk into that feverish slum-
ber, so unrefreshing to the harassed
spirit. He dreamed that he was a peer
of Great Britain, presiding over a ju-
dicial commission, and about to pass
sentence upon Rupert London for high
treason. Then, in rushed a party of
Georgian Sharpshooters, headed by
Aurora, who froze his heart's blood with
ghastly endearments, as she affixed
the fatal noose around his neck, sen-
tencing him to die the death of a
traitor. He attempted to escape, but
the ground was slippery with blood,
and the rope detained him. It was
thrown over the fork of a tree, the
fatal word was pronounced, he began
to suffer the horrors of strangulation,
and was dangling about in excruciat-
ing agony, when Rupert London cut
him down. The shock of the imagin-
ary fall broke the spell of his agoniz-
ing slumbers, but waking thoughts
did not tranquilize the stirring emo-
tions of his heart. At last he yielded
to the demands of conscience, nor did
the sunlight fairly find its way into
his window, before he rose, hastily
dressed himself and went to Rupert's
room. He had determined to let his
guest escape, and the angel of mercy
registered the intention, although it
had been carried into effect by an-
other.

On opening the door of the continen-
tal officer's room, Mr. Maxwell found
it empty, and the discovery filled his
heart with joy. Descending the stairs,
he met Cato, but the honest fellow
betrayed no knowledge of the uncon-
fined departure, as he replied, in
answer to Mr. Maxwell's questions:

"Fine day massa. Perhaps de young
gentleman took a yeasty start, yo see,
and didn't want to wake up de folks."

"It must be so," replied Mr. Max-
well, who felt a great burden removed.
Indeed, had it not been for his home-
estate and his son, who would now

be able to transmit if he felt like
sending his red-coated guest about his
business. This love of an ancestral
homestead, almost unknown in Amer-
ica, is the true secret of British power.
It is from these rural homes that Brit-
ish vigor, like British oak, branches
far and wide yet has a sound heart.
And Mr. Maxwell sadly pondered be-
tween the acres of his fathers, and
the liberties of his adopted home.

At the usual hour the break-
fast-bell summoned the inmates of the
"Stronghold" to the morning's repast,
and Mr. Maxwell, on entering the din-
ing room, found his niece engaged in
making tea with an air of unconcern.
Her hair, almost unrestrained, fell in
a profusion of glossy curls upon her
alabaster-like neck. She wore a
full skirt of a glossy, linsey-woolsey
cloth of domestic manufacture, with a
bodice of blue satin, the short sleeves
of which displayed her plump, white
arms screened by openwork knit silk
mitts. Never had her fond uncle seen
her look better in the morning; and
he imagined that she had taken extra
pains with her toilet, in order to please
the eye of Major London, for whose
party she had ever expressed a prefer-
ence. How vain for man to at-
tempt to unravel the sphinx-like
mysteries of the female heart!

No sooner had Aurora assured her-
self that Rupert had succeeded in mak-
ing his escape, than she threw her-
self upon her bed, where her assumed
character forsook her, and a flood of
burning tears betrayed her wretched-
ness at the defection of her uncle.
Soon however, she found consolation
in the thought that the destined vic-
tim to his vacillating conduct was be-
yond harm's way. Perhaps, too, hav-
ing effected his escape, she might be
equally successful in thwarting the
plans of Captain Trevor! At any rate,
she determined to try, and before she
came down stairs, had nerved her
trembling heart with high resolves. It
appeared to her that every feeling had
retired within her heart, to torture it
with accusations against her uncle—
but that heart was hidden from public
view, neither was its pangs reflected
on her forehead.

Assuming an air of utter uncon-
sciousness that anything had occurred,
she met her uncle's gaze with an un-
troubled glance, and asked:

"Where is Major London this morn-
ing? Perhaps Cato had better be sent
to call him, as he was fatigued last
night, and probably has not been
awakened by the bell."

"Yes—that is, no," replied Mr. Max-
well, feeling guilty and abashed. "Do
you know, Aurora, that a British offi-
cer came here late last night?"

"You sent him off on King George's
business, I hope?"

"Nay, nay, listen! He came, bring-
ing papers of great importance to me,
and, of course, I tendered him the
hospitalities of the 'Stronghold.' Early
this morning I rose to inform our last
evening's guest that there need be no
collision. But I was too late. Whether
he took the alarm or not, I cannot
say, but he was gone. Stop! I hear
the British officer's step on the stairs!

For my sake, Aurora—for the sake of
your departed parents, do not say a
word about London's visit, or about
this colonial revolution."

Here the captain entered the room,
his bloodshot eyes, haggard counte-
nance and disordered attire bearing
testimony to his nocturnal potations.
The unexpected appearance of Aurora,
beaming with beauty, added confusion
to his perturbed spirit.

"My niece, Captain Trevor."

A ceremonious bow on each side,
and the trio took seats at the table,
each one occupied with individual
thoughts. A cup of strong tea, how-
ever, somewhat revived the gallant
son of Mars, who began to compli-
ment Aurora in the fulsome style of
those days. She acknowledged his
silly flattery with sweet smiles, yet in
her heart could not help contrasting
his ungainly figure with the manly
proportions of Rupert.

The repast was one that no other
section of Christendom could have
equaled. Quaint old china, rich sil-
ver-plated, and bright cut glass rival-
ing crystal, decked an ample board,
spread with a damask cloth of glass
whiteness. Coffee, tea, hotted eggs
and toasted bread, Captain Trevor
had been accustomed to at home. But
here, in addition, were venison steaks,
stewed squirrels broiled trout, a huge
cold ham and a flanking array of rolls,
waffles, cornbread and buckwheat
cakes. It would have tempted an an-
cholete, and the captain played his
knife and fork with commendable ac-
tivity.

Ere he had fairly concluded, the
burly form of Sergeant Halbert ap-
peared in the doorway, bolt upright,
and grim as Lucifer.

"Well, sergeant?" was the patroniz-
ing salutation of Captain Trevor.

"Tracked!" laconically replied the
sergeant, raising the back of his hand
to his forehead.

"I declare," exclaimed the captain,
"the unexpected charms of beauty and
the forest delicacies combined have
made me forgetful. Have you an iron-
gray horse, Mr. Maxwell?"

"Long mane—high action," chimed
in the sergeant.

"No, indeed!"

"Very strange! Do you know that
the sergeant here thought that he saw
your stable last night a horse such
as I have described? He thought, too,
that it was one ridden by one of De-
Kalb's aids, at the battle of Camden,
from whom he received a wound. But
this morning after telling me this as
aided in my toilet, he added that the
horse was gone."

"Tracked!" ejaculated the sergeant.

"Yes. It now appears that he has
tracked him from the stable."

"Early—towards Tallulah Falls—
gallop!"

"This is really strange," remarked
the captain, whose suspicious disposi-
tion led him to suspect others. "Per-
haps the horse is yours, miss?"

"No sir," replied Aurora, raising her
eyes towards her uncle with an ex-
pression. Ne'er was Mr. Maxwell
less taken by surprise—a flush which
occupied his cheeks showing that he
not only felt somewhat criminal, but
mortified at the discovery of what he
supposed was a secret. Some explana-
tion was, however, not only proper but
necessary, especially when Halbert re-
marked:

"Had an officer's saddle."

"No, no," exclaimed Mr. Maxwell,
with a convulsive effort. "I remember
now that the overseer of my lower
plantation was here last night. He
has an iron gray horse, and was to
have left at sunrise this morning."

Cato had been in the room during
the whole conversation, and Aurora
saw by the gratified expression of the
old retainer, that he comprehended
her uncle's excuse. Turning to him,
with a nod of the head as she spoke,
she inquired:

"Did you tell Oglethorpe about
bringing those chickens when he next
comes up, Cato?"

"No, miss 'Rora; he was off afore I
was up. Some of de hands is got de
ager down dar, and he was hurried.
But I'll tell him de nex time he comes,
sure, miss."

"Never mind, sergeant," said Tre-
vor whose doubts were all removed
as to the owner of the iron-gray. "You
can be getting the enlistment rolls
ready, and look about for a good shade
to drill under. Should you see any
of the country people, inquire for a
good drummer."

"Yes sir!" Then, with another sa-
lute, the veteran faced about and left,
by no means satisfied. At any rate, he
determined to keep a good lookout,
and if he saw the horse again, to re-
main near him until the owner made
his appearance.

"Let me volun'eer some music," said
Aurora, wishing to change the sub-
ject of conversation.

"Thanks, thanks!" replied Captain
Trevor; and as they left the table, he
handed Aurora to the harpsichord
with the extravagant gallantry of a
London exquisites. Indeed, if the
whole truth must needs be here dis-
closed, he had begun to look with
favor upon the rustic charms of his
fair hostess, never dreaming that she
would not be enchanted with the bare
probability of an opportunity to re-
ciprocate his love.

Seating herself, Aurora ran over
the keys, then burst forth into an old
Scottish song, a favorite of her uncle.
Her voice was naturally clear, modul-
ating itself with winning ease, and when
exerted in song, its gentle, flute-like
melody was singularly pleasing.

"Delightful!" exclaimed Captain
Trevor, when she had concluded. "I
have not really heard such melody
since I frequented the opera. Were
you ever at the opera?"

"Never," replied Aurora, with an
arch smile; "but I have heard the gen-
tle melody of the soft falling Tucco,
and the hoarse thundering of the Tal-
lulah after a spring tempest."

"Ah, very original, but not equal to
the opera. You should go to London,
Miss Maxwell, and hear some of the
Italian singers at the Royal Theatre.
I wish I could describe the splendid
appearance of the house filled with a
well-dressed audience, glittering with
jewels and gems. But as for the
music, words cannot describe it. To
hear some of the operas, one would
think that the heavens were opened,
and that the celestial choirs had de-
scended to entrance the assembled
audience. Ah, Miss Maxwell, there is
no place like the metropolis of Eng-
land for all that is refined or intel-
lectual."

"May be so, captain," replied the
lady, trotting her little foot with some
impatience. "I doubt not that the old
cities of Europe contain much to ad-
mire; but with this there must be so
much to deplore, that I prefer my na-
tive land."

"Some of these days," remarked Mr.
Maxwell, "you may change your mind.
The fascinations of the society into
which I shall be able to introduce you
when we cross the ocean, will soon
make you forget your sylvan attach-
ments."

"And then," perseveringly continued
the officer, "England should be the
favorite land of Miss Maxwell, for the
single reason (were there no other)
that it is the home of her sovereign."

"My sovereign!" exclaimed Aurora,
with a sudden burst of impetuosity,
flinging back at the same time the
thick masses of curls that drooped
over her marble temples. "And who,
pray, can assume that title? No one
upon the face of this earth, I assure
you!"

"Ha, ha!" faintly laughed the cap-
tain. "For my honor, I believe you
are getting tainted with the atmos-
phere of rebellion. Indeed, Mr. Max-
well, you should not suffer your niece
to forget her allegiance."

An expression of deep anxiety came
across Mr. Maxwell's features, as he
replied:

"These girls, captain, have strange
notions."

"We girls uncle are lovers of liber-
ty."

"Liberty, Miss Maxwell," said the
officer, "is a sorry jade. You should
have seen her devotees scamper at
Camden."

"As the British did at Bunker Hill
and Saratoga," archly interrupted Au-
rora, with a sarcastic smile.

"Now, miss," and the captain's voice
trembled with ill-suppressed vexation,
"you forget that the rebels who were
occasionally successful, had been
trained in the royal service, in the
Canadian campaign. Wait a few
months more, and you will see the
whole party, with the much-glorified
Washington at their head, humbly
begging for his majesty's forgiveness
before the royal governor. They won't
think of liberty when on their knees, I
warrant you."

"Americans kneel!" exclaimed Au-
rora, suddenly rising from the harpi-

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chord, her eyes flashing like an en-
raged Pythoness. "Americans kneel!
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stone is left unturned by ruin's plough-
share, while an American forest
clothes a hill in leafy verdure, while
one foundation of an American church
stands unshaken by the king's artill-
ery, while Heaven lends Americans
life, and you oppressors are but hu-
man flesh—so long, sir, you will never
see our gallant Washington, or his
brave troops, kneel before the minions
of your monarch! No sir! Americans
kneel only to God!"

Mr. Maxwell in vain attempted to
check this sudden burst of patriotism,
but he was interrupted by an imperi-
ous wave of Aurora's hand that com-
manded silence. The officer stood as
if entranced, but it was evident that
her words had stung him to the heart,
for a dark red flush glowed on his
features, his lips quivered, and a
fiery warfare of passions shook his
frame. This agitation, however, was
only like a summer cloud passing over
the moon. The darkness flew over
him, rather than covered him with a
mantle, nor had the sounds of Aurora's
died away, before his face shone with
apparent good humor as before.

"Excuse me," he said, in tones sharp
and distinct as the clear ring of steel
upon an anvil, "had no idea of wound-
ing any one's feeling, or of giving vent
to pen-up rebellion."

The gentlemen left the dining room
in silence, and as they reached the
hall door, the sound of a full, deep
voice with a nasal twang met their
ears, in these words:

"The Yankee ran from Bunker's Hill,
With baggernets declining,
Lop-down hats, old rusty guns,
And leather aprons shining.

Then hang your pumpkin drum,
Blow your squash-vine sife;
Mix molasses with your rum,
Wave—"

"Why, Danforth," exclaimed Mr.
Maxwell, as the vocalist approached
the door, "your horse looks jaded out."

"Mighty Cain! Wal, I kinder guess
he is, and so be it, tew. How de do,
Mr. Britisher?" And slowly dismount-
ing from his raw-boned steed, the Yan-
kee strode up to Captain Trevor, to
whom he offered his hand. It was
somewhat reluctantly grasped, with
the inquiry:

"How comes on recruiting?"

"How?—why like the old woman's
soap-making—it's done clean."

"Why," inquired Mr. Maxwell, "are
you enlisting men to regain that New
England, of which you are so proud?"

"Guess I be. I met the girl last
evening, and he said, says he, 'Git a
company, and I will draw rifles from
Gusta, and rig 'em out smart.' So I
sets tew work, and the men will leave
for Gusta to-morrow."

"Good!" said the captain, rubbing
his hands with an air of great satis-
faction. "But why did you not bring
the recruits here?"

"Here?" inquired Danforth.

"What, tew the 'Stronghold'! What
on nirth would 'Squire Maxwell dew
with sixty new-fledged Britshers? Yew
never said a word about bringin'
on 'em here."

"You are right, my good fellow, and
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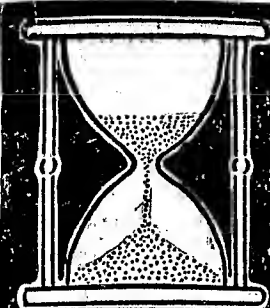
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paper in three strips, each strip in
three pieces. Braid loosely, pulling
out the paper gently to elongate it and
to make it less crinkly. When all the
strips are braided, begin to paste on
the frame from the centre of the
crown until it is covered, including
the under rim.

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Don't eat cold, starchy foods, like
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less you have strong digestive or-
gans.

Don't eat ice cream too fast. Eat
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mouth it can do no harm.

Don't drink ice water. Cool water
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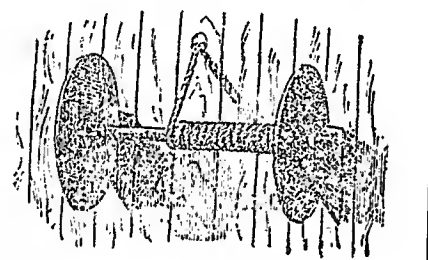
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should be made of oak or of stout
pine, the spindle of inch round oak,
and the handle of oak also. The cir-
cular guards, shown in the illustra-
tion, can be made of half-inch oak,
securely fastened to the spindle, and
about ten to twelve inches in diam-
eter. It is best to make the entire af-
fair of hard wood, as it is much more
durable, and can be made lighter than
if made of pine.

To Keep Baby's Feet Warm.

A drawing string is the hem of the
baby's flowing "nighty" will keep his
feet warm and still allow room for
that refreshing and necessary exer-
cise, kicking. If the nightdress or the
napkins become soiled, they should
not be put upon the child again after
being merely dried, as thoughtless
nurses and mothers are apt to do.

MISSIE'S TUCKED WAIST.

To Be Made with or without the Ber-
tha Collar.

All bertha effects are fashionable
and eminently becoming to girlish fig-
ures. They tend to give breadth to
the shoulders which always is desir-
able and to give greater dignity to the
unfashioned figure. This very pretty
model includes one of a novel sort and
is made of white taffeta, stitched with
silk and trimmed with fancy white
silk braid in which are touches of gold
thread, but it can, with effect, be re-
produced in many materials and col-
ors. If liked the bertha collar can be
made of contrasting material or it can
be omitted and the waist left plain, as
shown in the small sketch.

The waist is made over a fitted lin-
ing and consists of front and backs,
the latter tucked for their entire
length, the former to yoke depth only.
The sleeves are tucked above the el-
bows, full below and are mounted
over smoothly fitted linings on which
the cuffs are arranged. The yoke is



finished with a regulation stock and
the bertha collar is finished separat-
ly and arranged over the waist on in-
dicated lines.

What Girls Can Do.

It is the girl who does things in
this world who is attractive, both
to men and to her own sex,
which last counts a little, too, in
the long run. You may not be
able to do great things, to paint
great pictures or to sing in grand
opera, but you can learn to make
bright little things for yourself
and your friends, and perhaps to
play the light "catchy" airs of the
day so that your friends will enjoy
them, and if you can't do anything
else cultivate the art of talking
brightly and of being sympathetic.

Every girl can do one thing well
if she will only take the trouble to
find out what that thing is. The
difficulty is that she often looks in
the opposite direction; she wants
to do something great and showy
or nothing at all. But there are
other talents within reach if she
will only look, and those talents
may be such a comfort to her in
her dark hours that they will
make life happier both for her and
those about her.

How the world likes a cheerful,
plucky girl who makes a brave
fight and hides her skeleton in a
closet instead of folding her hands
and whining because things don't
come her way; the girl who puts
her own griefs as much as possible
aside—who takes a wholesome in-
terest in life.—Exchange.

NOW IS THE TIME TO USE HYOMEI

Cures Catarrh and Prevents Colds.
No Stomach Dosing, Just Breathe It.

At this season of the year, cat-
arrhal troubles are very preva-
lent, and nearly every person
suffers to a certain extent.

Catarrh is actually the result of
a succession of colds and can be
easily prevented if the proper treat-
ment is followed.

Hyomei is a natural yet scien-
tific cure for the colds and grip
troubles that lead to catarrh, as
well as a positive cure for the dis-
ease itself.

The balsamic air of Hyomei
breathed through the small pocket
inhaler that comes with every out-
fit is filled with germ-killing and
health giving qualities that pene-
trate to the minutest air cells of
the head, throat and lungs. It
kills all catarrhal germs, frees the
mucous membrane from poisonous
microbes, and makes a perfect and
complete cure of catarrh.

The complete outfit costs only
\$1, while extra bottles of Hyomei
can be procured for 50c. G. R.
Wiley sells Hyomei on the "no
cure, no pay" plan, and will re-
fund the money if it fails to give
perfect satisfaction. You take no
risk whatever in using Hyomei.
It is only treatment sold under a
guarantee of this nature where a
leading local druggist agrees to re-
turn the money if the treatment
fails to cure.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the
Signature

Wm. D. Druggist

Eight Rules for Popularity.

First, remember that a good voice
is as essential to self-possession as
good ideas are essential to fluent lan-
guage. The voice should be carefully
trained and developed. A full, clear,
flexible voice is one of the surest in-
dications of good breeding.

Second, remember that one may be
witty without being popular, voluble
without being agreeable, a great talk-
er and yet a great bore.

Third, be silent. One who habitu-
ally sneers at everything not only
renders oneself disagreeable to others,
but will soon cease to find pleasure
in life.

Fourth, be frank. A frank, open
countenance and a clear, cheery laugh
are worth far more even socially than
"pedantry in a stiff cravat."

Fifth, be amiable. You may hide a
vindictive nature under a polite ex-
terior for a time, as a cat masks its
sharp claws in velvet fur, but the least
provocation brings out one as quickly
as the other, and ill-natured people
are always disliked.

Sixth, be sensible. Society never
laughs for fools, and what you con-
sider very entertaining nonsense may
soon be looked upon as very tiresome
folly.

Seventh, be cheerful. If you have
no great trouble on your mind you
have no right to render other people
miserable by your long face and do-
lorous tones. If you do you will gen-
erally be avoided.

Eighth, above all, be careful and
sympathetic. True cordiality and sym-
pathy unites all the other qualities
enumerated, and are certain to secure
the popularity so dear to every one.

How to Sleep Well.

The greatest luxury in the whole
world is a forgetful, peaceful sleep.
Yet how few of us are granted this
hoon. Many people suffer all night
from the troubled sleep of indiges-
tion, which the eating of a biscuit and
a glass of water before retiring would
have prevented. It is not advisable
to eat heavy or rich food before going
to bed, but if you feel at all hungry
Nature's cries will cause you distur-
bance if you do not make an attempt
to satisfy that hunger before going to
sleep.

The best position in sleeping is to
lie on the right side. Do not throw
the arms over the head, and do not
curve up the legs. There is a great
temptation to do this when one is
tired, but should be resisted. Do not
use a bolster, only a moderately high
pillow, and do not sleep on feathers,
as they are debilitating. There is
nearly always a draught felt from un-
der the bed; this can be remedied by
covering the wire mattress with news-
papers. If swan's-down quilts can be
afforded they are ideal covering, being
warm and light. All heavy blankets
should be strenuously avoided, and
therefore the habit of throwing a fur
coat or other heavy blanket over the
bed for extra warmth is a very bad
one. Windows should be slightly
open day and night. Flowers should
never remain in a sleeping room, and
the less heavy drapery there is about
the better. If the bed rejoices in
valances they should be kept scrupu-
lously clean.

Best Remedy for Constipation.

"The finest remedy for constipa-
tion I ever used is Chamberlain's
Stomach and Liver Tablets," says
Mr. Eli Butler, of Frankville,
N. Y. "They act gently and with-
out any unpleasant effect, and
leave the bowels in a perfectly
natural condition." Sold by G. R.
Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets,
Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead;
H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

New Sofa Pillows.

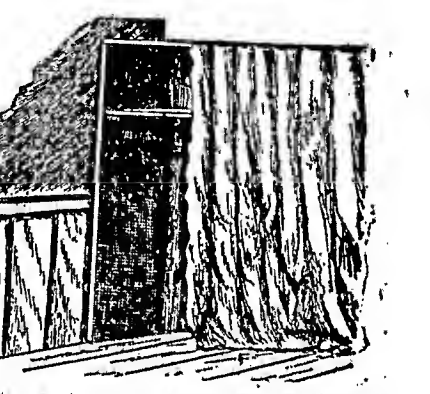
Some of the newest college pillows
are made of skins. An especially at-
tractive one of the order was recently
fashioned out of a black and white
calfskin, yellow chamolais skin strips
about an eighth of an inch wide being
used to form the legend "Yale." The
letters were first outlined on the pil-
low, then the chamolais ones were
glued on. Small holes were made with
an awl at frequent intervals about
the letters, then little brass clasps, with
nail heads, were pushed through the
holes and the clasps spread in position
underneath. Of course this pillow is
not especially desirable from the
standpoint of comfort, but it is ex-
cellent for show.

Calfskin and chamolais skin are soft-
er and better adapted to useful pil-
lows, if properly made, than other
skins. However, those who are so
fortunate as to have beautiful skins
of any sort in their possession will be
able to put them to a new use in this
way.

For instance, some men's dens are
upholstered with the skins of animals,
small heads and tails being suspended
from the corners to give finishing
touches.

A Substitute for a Closet.

In a bed room which has no closet,
a serviceable substitute for one can
easily and cheaply be made. Our
illustration shows such a one, fitted
up by the writer. It extends across one
end of the room. We had two boards
one foot wide, sawed off in seven
feet lengths. A foot from the upper
end of each length we had cleats
nailed across. These boards were
then placed against the side walls, at
the end of the room. A foot from the
upper end of each length we had
cleats nailed across. These boards
were then placed against the side
walls, at the end of the room. A
board was cut exactly as long as the
room was wide, and as long as the
top board, less the thickness of the
two upright pieces. This fitted in be-
tween the uprights, and rested on the



cleats, and, fitting snugly, it keeps
the end pieces pressed against the
wall; therefore no nails or screws are
needed to hold the arrangement in
place. We have, by this plan a shelf
at the top on which to keep boxes
and articles which cannot be hung up.
Into the bottom of this shelf we
screwed hooks on which garments are
hung. In this way we avoided dam-
aging the walls by driving in nails or
putting on hooks. Then we made a
curtain which we tacked to the front
of the top board, weighted the bottom
of it, so that it hangs in its proper
place always, and is not blowing
about to admit dust. The curtain
might be hung on a pole, but we pre-
ferred to fasten it with tacks, be-
cause this plan of arranging it made
everything snug and dust-tight. It
should be full enough to hang grace-
fully, and if the women of the family
have a "knack" that way, they can
make it quite as ornamental as any-
thing else the room will be likely to
contain.

The term of Court was opened promptly in formal manner, Tuesday morning Mar. 8th. The grand jury impaneled in October were all present. They are in charge of Deputy F. J. Tyler.

Traverse jurors were impaneled as follows:

FIRST JURY.

F. I. Bean, Mason, foreman.
E. M. Bailey, Andover.
Elmer Billings, Woodstock.
W. H. Chadbourne, Watford.
Prince E. Colcord, Dixfield.
George Cummings, Albany.
Llewellyn H. Cushman, Norway.
Charles C. James, Bethel.
Wm. R. James, Bethel.
Orin W. Edgecomb, Norway.
Charles F. Stanton, Oxford.
Pierce E. Wheeler, Paris.

SECOND JURY.

Wm. L. Harlow, Buckfield, foreman.
George F. Elliott, Rumford.
George W. Frothingham, Paris.
Charles K. Garland, Porter.
Fred A. Holt, Fryeburg.
James E. Irish, Hartford.
R. A. Kiddle, Mexico.
John C. Oldham, Peru.
Frank R. Reed, Rumford.
Daniel D. Small, Sumner.
Clayton E. Spring, Brownfield.
Levando Lebaron, Lovell.

Hon. James S. Wright presented the erier, H. E. Hammond, in a brief, well-worded speech, a gavel in behalf of the court, bar, and officers of the county. Mr. Hammond has been erier of the court for forty one years.

The most interesting case thus far has been that of D. W. Babb vs. Oxford Paper Co., of Rumford Falls which took up the whole of Thursday. No case for years has been so sharply contested. Each side was presented and managed with great skill and ability throughout the trial.

The pleas of Hon. George D. Bisbee for the defendant corporation and Hon. Jesse M. Libby for the plaintiff, were pronounced by all who heard them to be among the ablest and best ever heard in the new court house.

The case was given to the jury late in the afternoon of Thursday. They remained out about two hours, then sealed their verdict, and Friday morning returned a verdict for the plaintiff, \$2750.00. The case will go to the law court on exceptions.

At the court temperance meeting one of the prominent speakers roundly denounced Mayor Beal of Bangor for his late manifesto against the prohibitory law. The speaker characterized it as a disgrace to the State as well as to Mr. Beal. His remarks were warmly applauded.

Frank Nicholas, the Italian who was bound over to this court on the charge of killing Caro Gallo, another Italian, at Rumford Falls, was brought into court Thursday morning and discharged, the grand jury having found no bill of indictment. It is understood that a thorough investigation of the matter by the State's attorney, before the sitting of the court, became satisfied that no murder had been committed. Such evidence as there was, however, was submitted to the grand jury.

Thirty divorce libels are included in the new entries made this term.

For Sale.

House, stable, two lots and a garden, situated on Bridge Street in Bethel village. House consists of eight finished rooms and summer kitchen. Good water and a splendid cellar. Apply at once to

T. B. KENDALL,
Bethel, Maine.

Loss of Appetite News' Excursion

Is Loss of Vitality, Vigor, Tone.

That stands to reason.
It's common in the Spring when the blood, which needs cleansing, fails to give the organs the stimulus necessary for the proper performance of their functions.

Hood's Sarsaparilla cleanses the blood.
restores the appetite, gives vitality, vigor, tone—this is one of the reasons why it's called the Greatest Spring Medicine.

"My husband and I took Hood's Sarsaparilla and it gave us appetite and strength and restored our health." Mrs. THO. GILPATRICK, North Gray, Me.

Take It.
Hood's Sarsaparilla Promises to Cure and Keeps the Promise.

NORTHWEST BETHEL.

Mr. Mitchell and friend of Hanover, were at this place the 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goodno of Gilead, were guests at James Armstrong's over Sunday.

Frank Brown has finished his winter's work for Chapman and is at home.

Cheslie Saunders and Miss Adie Flor were at this place one day recently.

One of Leighton's teams got suiced last week, by reason of bridle chains not holding, and one horse was killed; the driver hung to the reins, but it was a terrible experience. He met and passed a four-horse-team whose driver had barely time to rein his leaders to one side, when the rushing team shot past them with such force that the four horses, sleds, driver, etc., were thrown out of the road. Saturday morning a sub line broke and suiced another team, but with no serious damage resulting.

Mr. Saunders has completed his winter's job and gone to his home in Hanover.

Leon Walling went to New Hampshire Saturday to spend Sunday with his family. He is working for Dana Wight, and will live in the Hicks house.

Seth Mason and John Moore went to Gilbert Mills' after a load of hay the 10th, but the wind blew so hard they were obliged to return without it. When near Meadow brook bridge, they saw the wind lift a river driver's batteau from skids resting on the ground, turn it bottom side up and place it on the top of a pile of wood four feet high. Truly West Bethel was rightly named, when in the old lyceum days some one called it, "The land of high winds."

Lester and Glen Mason are loading cars with wood for Percy O'Brien.

Rob Inman has finished working for Thurston, and is now hauling timber for Stahl & Lary.

Parley Lowe has nearly completed his winter's work on the Bethel Chair company's lot. Mrs. Lowe has been in camp there for six months.

Water is still scarce and the contents of many cellars are frozen badly.

Colds Cause Pneumonia.

One of the most remarkable cases of a cold deep-seated on the lungs, causing pneumonia, is that of Mrs. Gertrude E. Fenner, Marion, Ind., who was entirely cured by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. She says: "The coughing and straining so weakened me that I ran down in weight from 148 to 92 pounds. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by G. R. Wiley.

ALBANY—VALLEY ROAD.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cummings of Locke Mills, visited Mrs. C. G. Beckler and family last Sunday.

George Cummings is at Paris, as juryman.

Henry Rugg and wife visited at Parker Flint's recently.

Mrs. Ora Saunders has returned from Exeter, N. H., where she has been visiting her brother, John Sanborn and other relatives.

Arthur Tyler and wife of Mason, passed through here on their way to Harrison recently.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured.

William Shaffer, a brakeman of Dennison, Ohio, was confined to his bed for several weeks with inflammatory rheumatism. "I used many remedies," he says. "Finally I sent to McCaw's drug store for a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm; at which time I was unable to get hand or foot, and in one week's time was able to go to work as happy as a clam."

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mill; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE CO.
of Hartford, Conn.
(Incorporated in 1863.)

Amount at Risk, Life,	\$132,764,412
Cash Assets, Dec. 31, 1903,	\$47,276,843
Real Estate owned by the Company un-	
incumbered,	\$790,138.54
Loans on Bond and Mortgage, (first liens)	\$279,600.00
Loans on this Company's Policies,	\$423,835.03
Stocks and Bonds owned by the Company	
market value,	\$25,095,625.95
Loans on Collateral Security,	\$99,737.20
Cash in the Company's principal office and	
in Bank,	\$1,567,325.44
Interest accrued but not due,	\$19,083.34
Life Premiums in due course of collection,	\$39,497.03
Total,	\$40,105,849.39
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.	
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims,	\$282,713.51
Reserve for Claims against Employers,	\$1,111,880.00
Reserve for Re-insurance,	\$3,984,580.72
Contingencies and other demands against	
the Company,	\$27,399.06
All Liabilities, except Capital Stock and	
Net Surplus,	\$34,876,533.39
Capital paid up in cash,	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus beyond capital,	\$4,220,316.10
Total,	\$40,105,849.39

UNITED STATES CASUALTY CO.
141 Broadway, New York City.

Assets DEC. 31, 1903.	
Real Estate,	\$5,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	\$450,429.30
Stocks and Bonds,	\$8,953.23
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$1,144.37
Bills receivable,	\$1,822.02
Interest and Rents,	\$1,607.28
All other Assets,	\$1,143.37
Gross Assets,	\$1,623,744.43
Deduct items not admitted,	\$1,143.37
Admitted Assets,	\$1,622,601.06
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$106,055.00
Unearned Premiums,	\$75,757.37
All other Liabilities,	\$300,000.00
Cash Capital,	\$800,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$1,622,601.06
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$1,622,601.06

LLOYDS PLATE GLASS INS. CO.
of New York.

Assets, DEC. 31, 1903.	
Real Estate,	\$265,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	\$400,406.05
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$71,100.25
Agents' Balances,	\$1,891.95
Gross Assets,	\$769,099.17
Admitted Assets,	\$769,099.17
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$3,155.21
Unearned Premiums,	\$239,466.41
All other Liabilities,	\$287,712.92
Cash Capital,	\$250,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$247,765.63
Total Liabilities and surplus,	\$769,099.17

United States Branch
NATIONAL ASSURANCE CO.
of Dublin, Ireland.

Assets DEC. 31, 1903.	
Stocks and Bonds,	\$535,332.62
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$1,731.89
Agents' Balances,	\$1,916.98
Gross Assets,	\$539,081.49
Deduct items not admitted,	\$314,572.17
Admitted Assets,	\$607,408.95
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$58,920.12
Unearned Premiums,	\$314,886.33
All other Liabilities,	\$7,500.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$226,102.50
Total liabilities and surplus,	\$607,408.95
W. J. WHEELER & CO., Agents, 3404F South Paris, Me.	

WILLIAMSBURG CITY FIRE INS.
COMPANY.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Assets DEC. 31, 1903.	
Real Estate,	\$72,929.76
Mortgage Loans,	\$25,200.00
Collateral Loans,	\$6,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	\$1,225,588.13
Cash in Office and Bank,	\$9,251.89
Agents' Balances,	\$168,420.48
Interest and Rents,	\$15,391.60
All other Assets,	\$11,339.82
Gross Assets,	\$2,482,321.68
Deduct items not admitted,	\$8,668.32
Admitted Assets,	\$2,473,653.36
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.	
Net unpaid losses,	\$1,931,682.66
Unearned premiums,	\$867,932.27
All other liabilities,	\$43,781.56
Cash capital,	\$250,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities,	\$1,230,516.87
Total liabilities and surplus,	\$2,473,653.36

C. T. NEVENS,
Manufacturer and Dealer in
CARRIAGES and SLEIGHS
Carriage Stock and Wheels for Sale
Repairing of all kinds
Junction Turner and Pleasant Streets
AUBURN, MAINE.

Mend Your Own Holes
in granite, tinware, milk pans and all kitchen utensils with
"Easy Rivets"

Better than solder. Anyone can use them.
Package by mail, 25c. Agents wanted.
F. S. GLIDDEN, BATAVIA, N. Y.

First Bell Boy—Do you think Blatz is an M. D.?
Second Bell Boy—No; 'every package that comes for him is marked "Professor Blatz—O. O. D."

Happy, Healthy Children.
Any child can take Little Early Risers with perfect safety. They are harmless, never gripe or sicken, and yet they are so certain in results that robust constitutions requiring drastic means are never disappointed. They cannot fail to perform their mission and every one who uses DeWitt's Little Early Risers prefer them to all other pills. They cure biliousness.

Sold by G. R. Wiley.

PISO'S CURE FOR
CROUP, BRONCHITIS, COUGHS, COLIC, AND ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE THROAT AND LUNGS.
Best Cough Syrup. Pleasant Taste. No Opium.
CONSUMPTION

Several will go as Guests of Honor and at our Expense, Others at Rock Bottom Prices.

The News proposes to conduct an Excursion to the St. Louis Exposition early in the summer, to accommodate such young people from this section as desire to attend that Exposition, which will be the greatest exposition that the world has ever seen or will be likely to see for many years to come. We have heard many young people express a desire to go to St. Louis, which fact has prompted the arrangement for this Excursion, not as a money-making scheme, but in order to secure to all the advantage of such excursion rates as may be obtainable. The editor, Mr. E. C. Bowler, who will personally conduct the party, will visit the Exposition during the month of May at which time he will secure the lowest possible rates for the party which he will take a few weeks later. And now as to

Those Who Are To Go Free.

Yes, several of this party will go absolutely free as far as necessary expenses are concerned. We shall pay their railroad fares, Pullman service, hotel bills and fares into the Exposition, so that their only expense will be what they may choose to spend. Just who these fortunate ones will be, will be determined by a

VOTING CONTEST

Not a voting contest like most voting contests in which one wins and all the others lose, but a contest in which all who work win.

In all contests some one has to be second, another third and so on; each of these may have worked just as hard as the first, but they get no reward. Notice the different St. Louis Contests running in the papers at the present time. In many cases there are scores in the fight, but in all cases, one will go and all the others will be disappointed.

OUR PLAN.

Ours will be a Voting Contest just the same as the others, but will differ in the respect that each and every person who gets 16,000 votes will go at our expense. There is no limit as to field. People in the County or outside the County may enter. Any desiring to go under this proposition should enter their names at once before their friends have pledged their support to some one else. Votes will be counted according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE FOR COUNTING.

	Votes.
1. Each paper will contain a Coupon which when properly filled out and returned to us will count.....	1
2. Each dollar paid on new subscriptions will count.....	100
3. Each dollar paid on renewals by present subscribers will count.....	40
4. Each dollar paid on arrears by present subscribers will count.....	25
5. Each dollar paid on new advertising secured by the contestants or their friends will count.....	50
6. Each dollar for new advertising, secured by such written contract as shall be acceptable to us will count.....	25
7. Each dollar paid for job printing will count.....	25

CONDITIONS.

- Contestants must note these conditions carefully as they must be observed to the letter.
1. Votes once credited to one contestant cannot be withdrawn and given to another.
 2. Subscriptions discontinued and begun again during the contest will be credited at the renewal rate, even though they may have come in under another name in the same family.
 3. If a subscriber is in arrears and pays up to date and one or more years in advance, the amount to date will be received as arrearage and the balance as a renewal, as per schedule for counting.
 4. Credit on advertising must be for space actually secured by contestants and does not apply in any way to our present advertising. Any increased business which may be secured from our present advertisers will be counted, but no credit will be allowed on money paid for regular space now earned. Should any of our regular advertisers discontinue their advertising and begin again during the life of the contest, such will not be considered new business and no credit will be allowed.
 5. The same applies to job printing as to advertising. All must be new work. No credit will be given on any work already secured by the office.
 6. The standing of each contestant will be published each week.
 7. The Contest will close about June 20. The exact date will be given later. The Excursion will be as soon after the closing date as possible.

Bethel News St. Louis Coupon.

One Vote For _____

Address _____

WEST
All the Latest News
March winds
Spring begins
Drop West B
P. O. Box 55.
Mrs. A. P. M
covering from
Miss M. M.
spent Sunday
Dennison.
Miss Grace M
for Mrs. N. R. S
Miss Flora F
Hill is assisting
Miss Ethel E
been teaching
home Saturday.
We are glad
Mabel Scribner
her recent sever
Mrs. A. P. Ro
formerly of the
Mrs. E. E. Ma
week.
Mrs. Wesley J
sick list, and M
of Grover Hill is
Miss Edith M
and Miss Lula M
el spent a few
friend Miss Ethel
Raymond Mc
well succeeds
clerk in the Deu
sistant in the po
E. R. Briggs
horse, five years
to be well until
Business in
booming, the
companies havin
tracts here thi
Stahl, Berlin, N.
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AVELERS INSURANCE CO.
of Hartford, Conn.
Incorporated in 1863,
Life, \$132,766,412,
at Risk, Accident, \$47,770,843,
Sh Assets, Dec. 31, 1903,
owned by the Company un-
der and Mortgage, (first lien) \$799,138.54
Company's Policies, \$2,423,835.03
Assets owned by the Company,
25,193,623.95
Total Security,
Company's principal office and
1,567,323.44
but not due,
319,083.34
in the course of collection,
739,497.83
\$40,105,849.39
Assets, Dec. 31, 1903,
unpaid losses and claims, \$582,213.51
ins against Employers, 1,111,580.00
Insurance, 37,954,580.72
and other demands against
17,
127,359.06
except Capital Stock and
\$34,876,533.29
in cash,
422,046.19
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TATES CASUALTY CO.
New York City.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1903,
\$5,000.00
Bank,
1,450,439.30
and Bank,
58,895.23
ts,
7,144.37
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91,607.28
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Assets, Dec. 31, 1903,
ts,
106,055.00
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ts,
78,275.37
300,000.00
Liabilities,
590,000.00
and Surplus,
\$1,623,744.43

PLATE GLASS INS. CO.
of New York.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1903,
\$565,000.00
Bank,
400,406.05
and Bank,
32,100.25
ts,
71,591.95
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Assets, Dec. 31, 1903,
ts,
\$3,155.21
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239,406.41
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28,711.92
Liabilities,
250,000.00
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247,955.63
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AL ASSURANCE CO.
Dublin, Ireland.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1903,
\$535,332.62
and Bank,
51,731.89
ts,
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admitted,
314,572.54
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Assets, Dec. 31, 1903,
ts,
\$68,920.12
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314,886.33
ts,
7,500.00
Liabilities,
226,102.50
and surplus,
\$607,408.95
HEELER & CO., Agents,
South Paris, Me.

URGH CITY FIRE INS.

COMPANY.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1903,
\$674,929.76
ts,
253,200.00
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ts,
1,225,088.13
and Bank,
99,251.89
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Assets, Dec. 31, 1903,
ts,
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43,781.56
Liabilities,
250,000.00
and surplus,
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Healthy Children.

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is a new, delicious, nutritious table delicacy made from corn, the food value of the grain being retained. On griddle cakes of all makes it adds relish and piquancy that will sharpen the poorest appetite. Karo Corn Syrup is a pure, unadulterated product, better than any other syrup. Sold in airtight, friction-top tins which keep its goodness good.

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WEST BETHEL.

All the Latest News from Our Near Neighbors.

March winds are cold.

Spring begins next Sunday.

Drop West Bethel news items in P. O. Box 55.

Mrs. A. P. Mason is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

Miss M. M. Irish of Portland spent Sunday with Mrs. H. P. Dennison.

Miss Grace M. Mills is working for Mrs. N. R. Springer.

Miss Flora Rollins of Bethel Hill is assisting in the hotel.

Miss Ethel Hammons, who has been teaching in Oxford, came home Saturday.

We are glad to report Miss Mabel Scribner on the gain, after her recent severe illness.

Mrs. A. P. Robertson of Bigelow, formerly of this village, visited Mrs. H. E. Mason one day last week.

Mrs. Wesley Dennis is on the sick list, and Mrs. A. L. Whitman of Grover Hill is working for her.

Miss Edith Mae Cole of Gilead and Miss Lula Marie Arno of Bethel spent a few days with their friend Miss Ethel Allen last week.

Raymond McCutcheon of Hallows succeeds Alton Smith as clerk in the Dennison store and assistant in the postoffice.

E. R. Briggs has lost his only horse, five years old, and thought to be well until quite recently.

Business in West Bethel is booming, the following named companies having had lumber contracts here this winter: A. M. Stahl, Berlin, N. H.; F. E. Lary, West Bethel; L. J. Trask, Newry; C. F. Saunders, Hanover; L. U. Bartlett, Bethel; W. C. Chapman, Gilead; Lyman Chute, Harrison; Hastings Bros., Bethel; Geo. Leighton, Shelburne, N. H.; and the extensive manufacturing operations of Merrill, Springer & Co., in their mill, which runs steadily to fill orders.

EAST BETHEL.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Abbott have returned to their home here.

Miss Blanche Bartlett has gone to Portland to resume her work in millinery.

Miss Hester Kimball who has been visiting in Saco, returned home last Saturday.

J. Cleve Bartlett is spending a short vacation with his brother and other friends in Massachusetts.

Mrs. C. H. Kimball of South Paris, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. E. B. Howe has gone to Massachusetts with his second carload of potatoes.

Mr. E. H. Hastings of Fryeburg, visited his uncle, J. D. Hastings, at his home here last week.

Mrs. Z. McAllister and children of North Lovell, visited at Porter Farwell's and other relatives in town last week.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

GROVER HILL.

Bluejays and pinefinch are very numerous, making the mornings seem quite spring like.

The young people enjoy the morning crust for coasting and skeeling.

Fred Wheeler, has present employment with Isaac Morrill in the saw mill.

Miss Marion E. Bennett has returned from a visit to Mechanic Falls.

Bion Browne is at home from the woods.

Mrs. Frances Whitman has been at work at West Bethel for a few days.

Mr. Blake of East Bethel, was in this section Saturday to purchase potatoes.

Mr. Will Hutchinson met with quite a painful accident in the chair factory one day last week.

Reuben Patue is engaged in basket making at the present time.

Selectman H. Kendall and wife of Newry, were guests at George Spinney's Saturday.

Pearl and Marshall Whitman have finished work on the Pewsee place and removed again to Greenwood.

Miss Alta V. Whitman, who was recently entertained at A. L. Whitman's, is boarding at Mrs. Clifton Foster's, Bethel village.

True Browne has not yet completed his teaming.

Miss Allora Flint, who was the guest of Gwendolyn Stearns a few days last week, went to Portland Saturday.

Wakeful Children.

For a long time the two year old child of Mr. P. L. McPherson, 59 N. Tenth St., Harrisburg, Pa., would sleep but two or three hours in the early part of the night, which made it very hard for her parents. Her mother concluded that the child had stomach trouble, and gave her half of one of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, which quieted her stomach and she slept the whole night through. Two boxes of these Tablets have effected a permanent cure and she is now well and strong.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbels, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

NORTH NEWRY.

We are glad to see some fine weather.

As a result of a bad strain, W. W. Kilgore has been confined to the house for a few days.

Mr. F. P. Thomas stayed at Popular Hotel Saturday night on his way from Magalloway to Andover.

R. W. Kilgore went to Norway, one day last week.

W. W. Kilgore is getting his ice. Mrs. John Menche has gone to Pownal to visit her parents.

R. B. Thurston has a young mule W. D. Kilgore is caring for this winter.

Ressie Thompson is hauling logs to W. W. Kilgore's mill. Mr. Kilgore is getting in a fine lot of birch.

Timber is being hauled for the new church which it is planned to build at the Branch.

SOUTH PARIS NEWS.

Local and Personal Items From Our Shire Town.

Mrs. Elizabeth Edgerly of Portland, visited at Wm. Blake's last week.

The ladies of the Baptist Circle gave a supper and entertainment Wednesday evening. Following is the program:

Music, Grace and Ida D. Van Recitation—The Factory Chimney. Gladys I. Bonney Solo—You're as Welcome as the Flowers in May, Sue M. Wheeler Recitation—A Saturday Night, Ida M. Fields

Violin Solo, Grace Ivan, accompanied by Ida Dean Recitation—A Teetotaler's Story, Mildred E. Parlin

Recitation—A Great Change, Carlton Fredrick Berry Solo—I've Grown so Used to You, Sue M. Wheeler

A social followed the entertainment.

The ladies of the Methodist church gave a supper Thursday night in honor of their pastor, Rev. A. W. Pottle, who resigns at the conference April 1.

Ennice Forbes is at home from Cornish where she has been teaching school.

There will be work in the third rank by Hamlin Lodge, K. of P., Friday evening.

Elmer H. Haggett and family were in East Waterford over Sunday.

The family of E. M. Thayer has moved to Portland, where he is employed.

Rev. C. L. Davenport, missionary from Burnham, spoke at the Baptist church Friday evening.

Jessie Clare Tolman is visiting Clara Stinchfield in Portland.

Lester Robinson and wife of East Sumner, were guests at A. D. Park's last week.

An old storehouse on Oxford street, belonging to S. P. Maxim & Son fell Monday night.

Rev. A. W. Pottle was in Boston last week as conference visitor to Boston University Theological school. He was graduated from this school in 1861.

Mrs. Keegan and daughter of Portland, are at J. J. Emely's.

Tuesday evening, at its regular communication, the officers of Paris Lodge, F. & A. M., were installed by D. D. G. M., Frederick R. Dyer, of Buckfield. A lunch was served after the close of the lodge. The list of officers is as follows:

W. N. J.—Walter L. Grey.
S. W.—C. E. McArdle.
J. W.—Alton C. Wheeler.
Treasurer—William O. Frothingham.

Secretary—H. Woodbury.
S. D.—Charles E. Howard.
J. D.—Wirt Stanley.
S. S.—H. N. Porter.

J. S.—George W. Frothingham.
Chap.—Rev. W. E. Brooks, D. D. Marshall.—C. H. George.
Tyler—W. A. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Royal are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Katherine Joslyn, in Worcester, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. William Morton had a charade party at their home on Pleasant street Thursday evening. A few of those present were, Harold Thayer, Grover Brown, Carl Tabbs, Sara Sweet, Susie Porter, Annie Jenne, Lucella Crockett, Ritzpah Katherine Morton, Ethel Crockett, Isabelle Morton.

Marjorie Chandler and Lillian Powers are on the sick list.

Mrs. John Murphy is visiting in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Morton and daughter Ritzpah started Monday for Boston.

Walter Baker has moved his family from Portland, over B. Y. Russell's store on the corner of Gothic street and Western Avenue.

There was a union temperance meeting at the Congregational church Sunday evening. A young lady from each church was chosen to act as ushers.

Mrs. Mary Chandler is visiting Mrs. Olive Goss at Locke Mills.

Mrs. Etta Hunscomb of Auburn, is visiting at George Huzzey's.

L. R. Cole of Buckfield, formerly of Paris, is in town.

Archie Parlin is working in the corn factory.

It is excellent skating on the cove and on the small ponds.

Arthur Clark of Portland, visited here over Sunday.

Superintendent Harry Morton is now able to resume his duties at the Paris Mfg. Co., after a short illness.

Ayer's

If your blood is thin and impure, you are miserable all the time. It is pure, rich blood that invigorates, strengthens, refreshes. You certainly know

Sarsaparilla

the medicine that brings good health to the home, the only medicine tested and tried for 60 years. A doctor's medicine.

"I owe my life, without doubt, to Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It is the most wonderful medicine in the world for nervousness. My cure is permanent, and I cannot thank you enough."
MRS. DELIA AGNEW, NEWARK, N. J.

for **Poor Health**

Laxative doses of Ayer's Pills each night greatly aid the Sarsaparilla.

The lumber mill, owned by L. S. Billings & Co., is running after a long shut down on account of low water.

The Misses Kelley of Portland, and Josephine Flagg visited at Charles Flagg's over Sunday.

Miss Muriel Rowker gave a party to twenty-four of her little friends last Wednesday afternoon. Refreshments consisting of punch, fancy crackers, cake, ice cream, peanuts and candy were served, and each guest was presented with a white pin.

GILEAD.

The school board consists of J. E. Richardson, A. D. Wight and W. C. Newell; Mrs. T. G. Lary superintendent of schools.

The Mountain Hills met last Thursday with Mrs. Bert Harriman.

The second anniversary of the Cornet Brass Band will be observed next Monday night in the hall.

Herbert Wheeler has just purchased and set up a new cream separator.

M. R. Bennett has bought a new safe.

This is the centennial year of this town; there is a rumor that the celebration will take place about the twenty third of June.

M. M. Mason is road commissioner instead of Wm. Mason as printed last week.

Although this town is not considered wealthy, there is only one pauper in it.

T. G. Lary was in Bethel last week on business.

E. R. Bennett and J. E. Richardson have to haul their sawdust from Hastings to pack their ice.

The Name Witch Hazel.

The name Witch Hazel is much abused. E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, are the inventors of the original and only genuine Witch Hazel Salve. A certain cure for Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Eczema, Tetter, Piles etc. There are many counterfeits of this salve, some of which are dangerous, while they are worthless. In buying Witch Hazel Salve see that the name E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, is on the box and a cure is certain. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

GRAFTON.

G. A. Otis was in Newry last Saturday.

E. B. Farrar was in Bethel last Saturday returning Sunday.

E. B. Farrar finished hauling hay to the Blanchard & Twitchell camps in Cambridge last Friday.

Now is the time to finish up the winter's business as the roads are in excellent condition and everyone seems to be improving the opportunity.

Several large loads of supplies have recently passed through town for use in the different lumbering localities, and the spring drives.

Frank Bennett of Newry and Walter Vall of the lower district were in the upper part of the town on business last Saturday and Sunday stopping at S. W. Pratt's.

The annual town meeting was held Monday March 7 and as usual was a quiet one. No business of any unusual importance was transacted.

If troubled with weak digestion, belching or sour stomach, use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will get quick relief.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbels, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

Spring Lines are
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GLOVES, NECKWEAR, SILK and COTTON
DRAPERIES, WHITE SHIRT WAIST PAT-
TERNS, HAMBURGS, LACES, DRESS TRIM-
MINGS, LINEN TOWELS, VEILINGS, ETC.

AT

E. E. Burnham's
Cole Block, BETHEL, ME.

To the Public.

I desire to inform the public that I have purchased the CALVIN BISBEE STORE, in Bethel, and shall continue the same line of business as was carried on by Mr. Bisbee. I assure all that I shall endeavor to maintain the reputation of this store as far as is possible for me to do so, and I earnestly invite my share of the public trade.

Clarence K. Fox, Bethel, Me.

When in Rumford Falls be
Sure and see Our Stock of
Ranges, Hardware, Tin-
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STANLEY BISBEE,
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And that quick, if
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BERLIN, N. H.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.

How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery, and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

Don'ts For Mothers.

A gospel of "don'ts" is generally conceded to be an unhealthy mental diet to bring up children on, but there is little doubt that a judicious amount administered to parents would be salutary. Mrs. Gabrielle E. Jackson is plainly of this opinion, for she has written a neat little volume, entitled "Don'ts for Mothers" which aims to point out some of the stumbling blocks over which the cradle rockers of the world sometimes stub their toes, trip or fall flat.

Here are some of the don'ts selected at random:

Don't expect the average nursemaid to give the intelligent attention you would yourself give; had she your brains she would not be a nursemaid.

Don't fail to make your hay in these precious receptive days. The world lies beyond.

Don't say, "Oh, do be quiet!" or "Do sit still!" Remember that bones and muscles must develop. Make a place for them to do so. This is your duty.

Don't permit a fear to be implanted in your child.

Don't forget that "What?" and "Why?" are the best manifestations of a normal brain. Take time and pains to make it grow wisely.

Don't take your small child shopping.

Don't give your maid a chance to say "You just got mad yourself; so now!"

Don't, as you value your motherhood, "scold."

Don't fail to give the reason why every time you give a command. You want the obedience of an intelligent, reasoning being, not that of an automaton.

Don't let your child suspect that the world can hold a more delightful companion than "mother," if you would keep "an anchor to windward."

Don't forget that the mother who can enter all her children's pleasures has discovered a marvellous "youth restorer."

Don't bring up your children on a steady diet of "Don'ts," miserable, prickly little word that it is, and sure to rub the wrong way.

Don't correct your child in the presence of others. You yourself would find this very hard to brook, so why regard this little being as less sensitive?

Don't overlook an untruth, yet weigh carefully between untruthfulness and a vivid imagination. It is often a hair-splitting task, but no mistakes should be made.

Don't forget that in assisting "mother" into the car, in walking upon the outer edge of the sidewalk, in picking up the handkerchief she has let drop, your little child is moulding the true gentleman.

Don't fail to listen attentively and patiently to all the little trials which come into the lives of these small people. Help adjust them, and remember that at six they are as great in proportion as those which daily come into your own life.

Don't forget that sympathy for your children's "fads" and "fancies" shows you near to them.

Don't offer bribes as an inducement to good behavior.

Don't forget that "almost four-teen are crucial years in the lives of your son and daughter.

Don't fail to insist, while your children are still schoolboys and schoolgirls, upon orderly habits in the home, and certain hours for certain duties. As a result of this method the good housewife and thoughtful husband may bloom forth later.

Don't fail to make your smile your children's last memory as they depart for school. A ruffled spirit as a send off puts the time out of joint for the entire day.

Don't treat your son and daughter at twenty as you would have treated them at twelve. Remember that they are now a man and a woman.

Don't forget that you are, or ought to be, your children's ideal of all that is perfection, and that it is your duty to live up to their ideals in every possible way. Not an easy task, but wonderfully inspiring.—Exchange

Proper Treatment of Pneumonia.

Pneumonia is too dangerous a disease for anyone to attempt to doctor himself, although he may have the proper remedies at hand. A physician should always be called. It should be borne in mind, however, that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of the grip, and that by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the threatened attack of pneumonia may be warded off. This remedy is also used by physicians in the treatment of pneumonia with the best results. Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., who is also a druggist, says of it: "I have been selling Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and prescribing it in my practice for the past six years. I use it in cases of pneumonia and have always gotten the best results." Sold by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

Good Humor.

It is not great calamities that exalt existence; it is the petty vexations, the small jealousies, the little disappointments, the "minor miseries" that make the heart heavy and the temper sour. Don't let them. Anger is a pure waste of vitality. It helps nobody and hinders everybody. It is always foolish, and always disgraceful, except in some cases, when it is kindled by seeing wrong done to another; and even that "noble rage" seldom mends the matter. No woman does her best except when she is cheerful. A light heart makes nimble hands, and keeps the mind free and alert. No misfortune is so great as one that sours the temper. Till cheerfulness is lost, nothing is lost. EX.

Watch-dog That Wouldn't Watch.

Pay more for Devos; be glad to. It is full-measure and honest. Paint is a watch dog. How would you like a watch-dog that wouldn't watch from two to five o'clock in the morning? That's short-measure.

How would you like a watch-dog that had a way of wagging his tail at a burglar? That's false paint. The burglar is rain and snow.

Go by the name: Devos lead and zinc.

G. R. Wiley.

Patrician Blue Marble Stairway.

St. Louis. . . . A marble stairway will be one of the striking interior features of the State of Washington's unique building at the World's Fair.

The handsome stairway is placed in the center of the octagonal building, and around it will be grouped the historic exhibits of the State. The steps are cut from solid marble blocks, none of which were obtained at a greater depth than five feet. The marble was taken from the quarries at Addy, Stevens County.

The steps, nine in number, are cut from a variety of marble known as "patrician blue." The broad landings are also of marble, and four solid marble posts, 16 inches square and seven feet high, support a handrail on either side of the stairway. The wall-scooting along the stairs is of "blended stripes," and the tiling of the landing is "crystal white." The entire design is plain, but massive and handsome.

The Washington building, with its great timbers 100 feet long and 24 inches square, stands near the Government Fisheries pavilion in the eastern section of the World's Fair grounds.

WIT AND WISDOM.

To Be Made with High or Low Neck, Long or Elbow Sleeves.

Deep yoke collars make a characteristic of the latest waist and give all the drooping, long-shouldered effect that is required by fashion. The very attractive waist illustrated shows one of a removable sort and allows of high or low neck or of a convertible one as the waist can be made high and covered with the yoke collar, or low and worn either with or without as occasion demands; or, again, the yoke collar can be omitted altogether and a yoke above the shirrings only used, making a shirred waist with plain yoke that gives quite a different effect. The model is made of white crepe de Chine with trimming of Venetian lace but innumerable suggestions might be made, all the soft materials of the season being well adapted for shirrings.



The waist is made over a fitted lining and is itself shirred at the upper, gathered at the lower edged and is closed invisible at the back. The yoke collar is circular and can be finished separately or with the waist, its neck edge being finished with a stock, or it can be cut off at indicated lines and the bertha portion, only used, or, if liked, the lining can be faced to form a yoke, the shirrings at the upper edge of the waist making the finish and the entire yoke collar omitted. The sleeves are mounted over fitted linings and are full at the elbows, shirred at the shoulders and finished with gauntlet cuffs, that are omitted when elbow sleeves are desired.—May Manton.

Brides of Different Countries.

Why do Anglo-Saxon and American brides prefer to adorn themselves with orange blossoms?

The German bride wears myrtle; the girl of the Black Forest takes the flower of the hawthorne—when she can get it. The brides of Italy and the French provinces of Switzerland use white roses. Spanish brides go in for pink, carnations and red roses. In Norway, Sweden and Serbia the bridal crown is of silver; in Batavia and Siam glass, pearls and gold wire are used; in the islands of Greece vine leaves; in Bohemia, rosemary, and so on.

An English magazine undertook to elucidate the wearing of orange blossoms not long ago, and is authority for the statement that the practice was derived from the Saracens, among whom the particular blossom was regarded as a symbol of a prosperous marriage, a circumstance which is partly to be accounted for by the fact that in the east the orange tree bears ripe fruit and blossoms at the same time. It is supposed that the flower was introduced into the wedding customs of our country by French milliners, having been selected for its beauty rather than for any symbolic reason.

In the zenith of Rome's pride her fair young brides adorned themselves with verbenas, which was then a favorite perfume, much affected in the baths.

Holly wreaths were sent as tokens of congratulations, and wreaths of parsley and rue were given under the idea that they were the best preventives against the influence of evil spirits.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Ages of Heroines.

In an article of "Ainslee's Magazine," Geraldine Bonner discusses "The Age of Charm" in women, and gives a summary of the ages of the famous women in fiction and history.

Sir Walter Scott's heroines were sixteen or seventeen years old; those of Thackeray and Dickens twenty. Jane Eyre was only nineteen years of age, "an error in art for which the fashion of the day is responsible." Juliet, the only heroine in Shakespeare whose age is given—was fourteen years old. Balzac surprised the world by introducing to it still fresh and bewitching women of thirty. Diane de Poitiers and Madame de Maitenon were forty; and "the women of the salons and the Revolution continued these traditions of an irresistible fascination at the age of autumnal maturity. Anne Boleyn was twenty-four years old. Stella was loved best by Dean Swift when she was nearly forty. Thackeray is the expert authority who declares that thirty-two is the age when a woman is in her perfect moment of full bloom. Cleopatra was thirty-eight when she and Anthony "kissed away kingdoms," and Helen of Troy was nearly forty when Paris was smitten with her beauty.

Plain Truths.

A woman cares not where a man falls from if she is permitted to reign. Vanity is the only intellectual enjoyment of some women. Life without love is like the wheel without axle grease.

WIT AND WISDOM.

"A man should have every confidence in his wife," said Mrs. Marrieldlong, "and she in him. That is the only way that happiness can be secured."

"Yes," replied Mrs. Gribbride with tears in her eyes, "and that is just what Charley hasn't got. I wanted to try and shave him the other morning to save the barber's bill and he wouldn't even let me try!"—Cincinnati Times-Star.

If it's a bilious attack, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and a quick recovery is certain.

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"Marriage," remarked the moralizer, "is a lottery."

"Yes, rejoined the demoralizer, 'but it's one of the games of chance that clergymen do not try to discourage."

The Keeley Institute in Portland, Maine, on Munjoy Hill, is successfully curing drunkards and drug users. 1y3

Ernie—Papa asked him if he was aware of the seriousness in sitting in a dark parlor.

Ida—What did he say?

Ernie—He said: "You bet! It's leap year and I don't know when that girl might propose."

It's a mistake to imagine that itching piles can't be cured; a mistake to suffer a day longer than you can help. Doan's Ointment brings instant relief and permanent cure. At any drug store, 50 cents.

He—I suppose you hold that a man should never deceive his wife? She—Oh, no, I wouldn't go as far as that. How would it be possible for the average man to get a wife if he didn't deceive her?

All the healing balsamic virtues of the Norway pine are concentrated in Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Nature's own remedy for coughs and colds.

"What have you there?" asked the magnate of his accomplished daughter.

"A recent compilation of selected quotations. It's fine."

"Heavens! and I overlooked it. Turn to S and see how steel preferred is quoted."

Hundreds of lives saved every year by having Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the house just when it was needed. Cures croup, heals burns, cuts, wounds of every sort.

First Bell Boy—Do you think Blatz is an M. D.?

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Energy all gone? Headache? Stomach out of order? Simply a case of torpid liver. Burdock Blood Bitters will make a new man or woman of you.

"Well, Robbie, you've got a new little sister; she just arrived this morning," said the proud father. "Do we get any trading stamps with her pop?" asked little Robbie.

There is no More Pain from Corns After the FOOT-EASE SANITARY CORN PLASTERS are first applied. They cure by Absorption. The Sanitary Oils and Vapors do the work. Try them. At all Druggists 25c. or by mail. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Daughter—Papa, dear, I hope you are not angry because George is going to marry me and take me away from you.

Papa—I should say not. But if he ever does anything that will cause you to come back to me I'll do him bodily harm.

Edyth—Why do you doubt Mr. Slowman's sincerity? His voice has an honest ring.

Mayme—Yes, but that isn't the kind of ring I'm looking for.

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Salt Mackerel, Finnan Haddie, Smoked Luncheon Halibut in

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Woodbury & Purington.

RUMFORD

Steel ceilings are the Charles Israel is very nearly ready. Miss Theo Rovin N. H., has been a few days.

A meeting of the Realty company was day in town.

Edgar E. Clem while about his wren, which had in the machinery, thrown off with several gashes we eye, and in the thought that the will be hurt.

Miss Susie Virgil to Lewiston. She Mechanic Falls by Hutchins and top visit schools in Le

The Carnegie practically complete ing fixtures are no and the stacks, constructed in P yet ready for plan five and six thousa the board of tr planning a cours suit in the procur umes.

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A Favorite Remo

Its pleasant ta cures have made Cough Remedy a mothers of sma quickly cures th colds and prevent pneumonia or ot sequences. not b but when given croupy cough app the attack.

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We were sadde the sudden death Yates at her home Mrs. Yates reside last winter.

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Mr. and Mrs. visited at Mrs. Fr one day recently.

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Miss Marion B visiting relatives Mechanic Falls.

Pearl Whitman quite ill is convale

Fred Wheeler a man attended a Bethel on the eve

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This handsome piece of extra plate silverware the world, with every splendid home paper, the LY WITNESS, and make the rest of this set. For over 25 years we have been through salu free sample copy of the tains interesting depa the family, and full al full set of spoons abou If you wish send \$1.00 forward you, prepaid, th water, and the WITNESS NEW YORK, N. Y. 100 Nass

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RUMFORD FALLS.

Steel ceilings are being placed in the Charles Israelson store, which is very nearly ready for occupancy.

Miss Theo Rovins of Berlin, N. H., has been a guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. Rovins, for a few days.

A meeting of the American Realty company was held Wednesday in town.

Edgar E. Clements of Mexico, while about his work in the International mill recently, was struck in the eye by a ten-inch monkey wrench, which had become caught in the machinery, and which was thrown off with considerable force. Several gashes were cut about the eye, and in the lid, but it is not thought that the sight of the eye will be hurt.

Miss Susie Virgin went last week to Lewiston. She was joined at Mechanic Falls by Miss Geneva C. Hutchins and together they will visit schools in Lewiston.

The Carnegie library building is practically completed. The lighting fixtures are not yet completed, and the stacks, which are being constructed in Portland are not yet ready for placing. These are planned to accommodate between five and six thousand volumes, and the board of trustees are now planning a course which will result in the procuring of these volumes.

Master Willie McGrath of Strath-class Park, who was recently taken to Boston for treatment for spinal trouble, has returned home, and is quite a little improved in his condition.

Mrs. Albert Daggett is visiting in Washington, D. C.

Archie Packard of Mexico, who on Tuesday of last week returned to the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary at Portland for treatment, has not injured his spine, as recently reported, by work in Bemis, but was, on the contrary, allowed to return home from the hospital before he was sufficiently recovered in his condition.

Seward Frank of Portland has entered the employ of the Rumford Falls Publishing Company.

A Favorite Remedy for Babies.

Its pleasant taste and prompt cures have made Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a favorite with the mothers of small children. It quickly cures their coughs and colds and prevents any danger of pneumonia or other serious consequences. Not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears will prevent the attack.

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GROVER HILL.

Alta Whitman who has been visiting her uncle A. L. Whitman has returned to Bethel Hill where she will remain for a time.

We were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Lendall Yates at her home in Greenwood. Mrs. Yates resided on Grover Hill last winter.

Miss Lora Flint has been the guest of Gwendolyn Stoarns for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wheeler visited at Mrs. Francis Whitman's one day recently.

E. R. Whitman and daughter Alta of Boston were guests of friends in this section recently.

Miss Marion Bennett has been visiting relatives in Norway and Mechanic Falls.

Pearl Whitman who has been quite ill is convalescent.

Fred Wheeler and Clyde Whitman attended a dance at West Bethel on the evening of March 3.

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You can furnish your table with elegant silverware of the latest pattern, from the best makers.

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This handsome piece of 1847 Rogers' Broad, extra plate silverware (the standard make of the world), with every year's subscription to our splendid home paper, the NEW YORK WEEKLY WITNESS, and make it every year for you to become the rest of this set of beautiful teaspoons.

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The walking sick, what a crowd of them there are: Persons who are thin and weak but not sick enough to go to bed.

"Chronic cases" that's what the doctors call them, which in common English means—long sickness.

To stop the continued loss of flesh they need Scott's Emulsion. For the feeling of weakness they need Scott's Emulsion.

It makes new flesh and gives new life to the weak system.

Scott's Emulsion gets thin and weak persons out of the rut. It makes new, rich blood, strengthens the nerves and gives appetite for ordinary food.

Scott's Emulsion can be taken as long as sickness lasts and do good all the time.

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We will be glad to send you a few doses free.

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STARK, N. H.

Mrs. Etta M. Cole is quite poorly.

The following officers were chosen at the town meeting Mar. 8:

Moderator—W. T. Pike.
Selectmen—Seth Cole, Harry W. Stone, Lyman A. Jackson.
Clerk—Henry R. Gerard.
Treasurer—Arthur M. Carter.
Collector—Frank L. Blake.
School committee—Herman Milles.

Road Commissioners—Henry M. Lee, George O. Maguire.
It was voted to discontinue the town liquor agency.

Mrs. Mary Jackson visited at Mrs. Herbert Cole's, Tuesday.

Mrs. Barker Leighton was a guest at the home of her uncle, Eliram Jackson, last week.

Mr. Charles Blanchard of West Milan was in town Friday.

Mrs. Jennie E. M. Veazle was in town last week.

E. M. Roberts of West Milan was in town last week.

Harry Cole has returned home from his winter's work.

F. Wilfred Aubin and family of Whiting, Mass., are in this place visiting relatives and friends.

Ira N. Cole is slowly improving.

Norris Cole is in town visiting. He is working at the Cascades.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cole visited at Crystal, Friday.

David Elliot a former resident of this place, was killed Thursday, near Springfield, Mass., while working on the Boston & Maine railroad.

Frank McKellips of Groveton was in town Saturday.

Ervin Cole substituted as surveyor for A. M. Carter Saturday.

Mrs. Addison Pike and daughter Evelyn are staying at W. T. Pike's since Miss Pike's return from the Maine General Hospital.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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Town Elections.

HANOVER.

Moderator—H. E. Dyer.
Clerk—A. G. Howe.
Selectmen—A. T. Powers, E. P. Smith, S. P. Davis.
Road commissioner—M. A. Holt.
School committee—Geo. L. Smith, Mrs. J. D. Kimball, Etta M. Howe.
Treasurer—Arthur G. Howe.
Collector—J. D. Kimball.
Agent—A. T. Powers.

APPROPRIATED.

Town charges, \$75
Roads and bridges, 200
Common schools, 250
High school, 50
Books, 50
Repairs, 100
Poor, 140
Miscellaneous, 75

MASON.

Moderator—F. I. Bean.
Clerk—Ervin Hutchinson.
Selectmen—Ervin Hutchinson, A. G. Lovejoy, A. E. Tyler.
Road commissioner—F. I. Bean.
School committee—L. E. Mills, E. A. Grover, E. H. Morrill.
Treasurer—F. I. Bean.
Agent—F. I. Bean.

APPROPRIATED.

Town charges, \$200
Roads and bridges, 200
Common schools, 100
School books, 10
Officers' bills, 60
Tax discounts, 5%.

WOODSTOCK.

Moderator—J. L. Bowker.
Clerk—N. I. Swan.
Selectmen—H. C. Bacon, J. M. Day, J. A. Titus.
Road commissioner—H. H. Russ.
School committee—N. I. Swan, H. H. Crockett, A. N. Felt.
Treasurer—J. L. Bowker.
Collector—B. R. Billings; percentage, .02.

APPROPRIATED.

Town charges, \$400
Roads and bridges, 2,000
Common schools, 1,000
Free high school, 400
School books, 100
Schoolhouse repair, 75
Support of poor, 300
Memorial day, 25
Miscellaneous orders, 100
Tuition of high school scholars, 100
Permanent repairs on roads, 400

GRAFTON.

Moderator—O. W. Brooks.
Clerk—E. B. Farrar.
Selectmen—O. W. Brooks, E. B. Farrar, A. L. Farrar.
School committee—W. E. Pratt, A. L. Farrar, E. B. Farrar.
Superintendent of schools, O. W. Brooks.
Treasurer—J. W. Chapman.
Collector—J. W. Chapman; percentage, .03.

APPROPRIATED.

Town charges, \$450
Roads and bridges, 450
Common school, 150
Books, 10
Schoolhouse repair, 20
Debt and interest, 100

NEWRY.

Moderator—H. F. Thurston.
Clerk—John S. Allen.
Selectmen—W. B. Wight, M. L. Thurston, H. M. Keqall.
Road commissioners—D. C. Smith, Bear River, C. D. Bean, Sunday River.
School committee—W. B. Wight, C. A. Baker, T. A. Eamós.
Treasurer—John S. Allen.
Collector—D. C. Smith; percentage, .03.
Agent—W. B. Wight.

APPROPRIATED.

Town charges, \$2,000
Roads and bridges, 800
Common schools, 500
Books, 50
Repairs, 50
Poor, 200
Contingent fund, 400

RUMFORD.

Moderator—Waldo Pettingill.
Clerk—Fred O. Eaton.
Selectmen—W. G. Morse, W. V. Kimball, Arthur Gauthier.
School committee—Stanley Bisbee, Orville J. Gouya, Henry M. Colby.
Treasurer—F. B. Martin.
Collector—Francis J. Lord; percentage, .0125.
Auditor—O. Wilbur Cary.

APPROPRIATED.

Roads and bridges, \$10,000
Common schools, 5,700
High school, 1,800
Books, 1,500
Repairs, 1,400
Poor, 2,000
Debt and interest, 8,000
Contingent fund, 4,000
Memorial day, 50
Tax discounts, 2,500
New schoolhouse, 9,000
Library, 1,000
Evening school, 100
Repair foot bridge, 150
Cemetery fence, Ellis River, 100
Record book for municipal court, 25

UPTON.

Moderator, Enoch Abbott.
Clerk, F. O. Godwin.
Selectmen—H. L. Abbott, A. M. Coillide, John Burke.
Road commissioners—William Powell, Warrington Bartlett, L. F. Fuller.
School committee—W. F. Ellingwood, E. C. Chase, A. W. Judkins.
Treasurer, Enoch Abbott.
Collector, Charles Chase; percentage, .02.
Agent, H. M. Lombard.

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The weariness—Distressing urinary disorders—All yield quickly to

Doan's Kidney Pills, A Modern Medicine for Every Kidney Ill.

Mr. T. H. Hughes, of Saxtons River, Vt., employed by B. F. Locke & Co., says: "My kidneys did not act properly for years, and I gradually grew on me. For two or three years they troubled me very much with a dull, aching pain across my back and in my loins. I stood on my feet for any length of time, I felt the pain across my back more and my legs became numb. When the pain in my back got so bad that I could stand it no longer, I put on plaster, and I used a great many of them, but they only afforded me temporary relief. I also used medicines of all kinds, but they did not reach the cause. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised, and so well recommended, that I was induced to give them a trial, and I got them at Andrew's drug store. They gave me immediate relief. After the treatment I seldom felt any symptoms of my former trouble, but when I did I took a few of Doan's Kidney Pills and it soon left me. My rheumatic pains were not so severe, and I did not have that tired, languid feeling. I had more energy in doing my work and give all the credit to Doan's Kidney Pills. They did me a great deal of good, and I feel justified in recommending them to others as a good and reliable medicine."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all druggists; 50 cents per box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

APPROPRIATED.

Roads and bridges, \$500
Common schools, 250
Books, 50
Repair, 35
Poor, 100
Contingent fund, 100

STONEHAM.

Moderator, Silas A. Stearns.
Clerk, Eugene Evans.
Selectmen—Fred H. Bartlett, Herbert M. Adams, Anstin E. Warren.
Road Com.—E. H. McAllister.
School committee—Harry B. McKean, James L. Ramsell, Ell A. McAllister.
Treasurer—Arthur F. Moody.
Collector—John C. Files; percentage, .03.

APPROPRIATED.

Town charges, \$200
Roads and bridges, 650
Common schools, 300
Books, 25
Repair, 75
Poor, 100
Memorial day, 10
State road, 150

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AS TO BANK CHECKS.

Some Things Which Every Woman Ought to Know.

A lady had kept in her possession for several days a check from her uncle. Her uncle died, and she hastened to the bank to cash the check. When she found that the bank could not pay the check until it had orders from the heirs or from the courts she was surprised, and said artlessly to her husband that she thought of a check as being so much money if the signature was good. The incident shows the value of some information which the "National Banker" prints. Most business men know it already, but in these days business men are not the only people who have to do business.

A check is merely an order from A to B, who holds some of A's money, to pay a certain amount of it to C. It is not money, even if the names on the check are good and well known and the bank as solid as the government. Although checks are given in payment of debt and a receipt is usually given on the spot, yet the passing of a check does not constitute payment of indebtedness until it is paid by the bank. Nor will the concurrent receipt of the debt for which it is given change this. If the check is not paid on presentation to the bank, the original claim stands against the drawer or giver of the check. But a certified check, that is, a check signed by an officer of the bank, usually the cashier, constitutes payment on the part of the person who draws it.

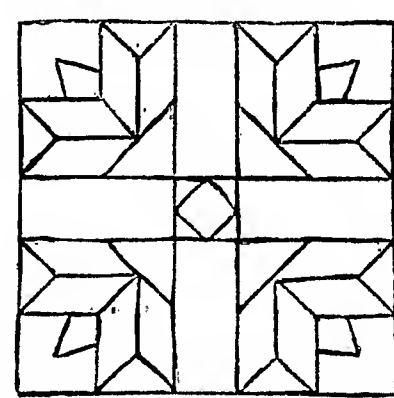
Checks may be antedated or postdated, that is, dated before or after the date of delivery. If postdated checks are paid before the day specified, the drawer can recover the money, for the bank has acted not in accordance with any order from him, but on its own responsibility. If a blank is left for the date. The insertion of any other date, or changing the date without the consent of the drawer, makes the check void.

A check should be presented within reasonable time, or the holder will be keeping the check at his own risk. If possible a check should be presented the same day it is drawn or the day after. If a check is not honored when it is presented at the bank, the holder should notify the drawer. When a check passes by indorsement, the same promptness in presenting the check is required of each person to whom it is indorsed in order to hold those endorsing it, as is required of the original payee in order to hold the drawer. By putting a check in circulation the liability of the drawer cannot be prolonged.—Youth's Companion.

Fads and Fancies.

Bands and sashes play an important part on many toilettes. Corsets and tassels, like braids, still continue to be a favorite trimming. The old velvet reticule, with monogram and mount of gold or silver, is in vogue once again. Attractive cravats for out-of-door wear are made out of a combination of fur and pleated chiffon. Mousseline and chiffon velvets are the fabrics that are at the moment delighting Parisian feminine hearts. Coiffures are being brushed well up on the sides and are only slightly waved.

Design for Sofa Pillow.



The above design for sofa pillow, if worked with a light ground and dark ribbons, will make a very pretty and attractive pillow and is not expensive.

From the Linen of a Some. "Economy takes queer turns sometimes," said a Washington woman. "I went to call not long ago upon an old friend, whose husband recently lost his position in one of the departments. I found her busy making shirt waists, but the thing which attracted my eye was a bucket of water in which was what looked like a mass of highly colored paper. I restrained by curiosity as long as I could, and then asked her what it was.

"Oh," she said, "I am getting some linen."

"Linen," I gasped, in astonishment. "Do you mean that you expect to make linen out of paper? I thought it was the other way—that they made paper out of linen."

"My friend laughed. 'Why, that is what is left of an old wall map of the United States,' she said. 'Perhaps you don't know it, but the paper is pasted on linen in some way or other. It's a little coarse in weave, it is true, but will outwear almost anything you can get from the shops. The map was a large one, and I shall get material enough for at least two shirt waists. Really, one should watch out for such opportunities. I only wish I knew where I could secure another map.'—Washington Post.

"Women's hearts never break now days, but, oh, how often they wither!"

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Real Estate	\$ 31,993.84
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Stocks and Bonds	2,147,432.57
Cash in Office and Bank	231,768.32
Agents' Balances	178,887.97
Interest and Rents	11,502.74
All other Assets	7,254.92
Gross Assets	\$2,799,532.36
Deduct items not admitted, Admitted Assets	\$2,799,532.36
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$ 117,075.76
Unearned Premiums	1,055,001.26
All other Liabilities	3,135.51
Cash Capital	500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	1,067,329.83
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$2,799,532.36
Losses in the Baltimore fire, Cash in Bank, February 8, 1904.	\$254,000.00

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Real Estate	\$ 576,000.00
Mortgage Loans	\$ 5,100.00
Collateral Loans	101,860.00
Stocks and Bonds	5,285,339.35
Cash in Office and Bank	29,512.24
Agents' Balances	666,620.50
Interest and Rents	10,311.29
All other Assets	63,277.59
Gross Assets	\$7,528,037.17
Deduct items not admitted, Admitted Assets	\$7,528,037.17
LIABILITIES DEC. 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$ 397,133.76
Unearned Premiums	4,326,666.90
All other Liabilities	18,116.81
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	1,570,200.15
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$7,407,099.62

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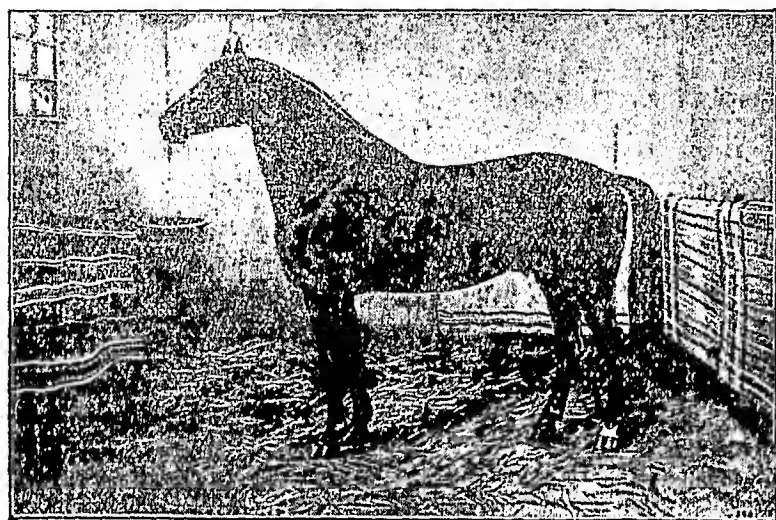
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Rufus Choate Was Beaten.

As one of the very few occasions when the wit of Rufus Choate was foiled, an incident is recalled when that brilliant lawyer was examining one Dick Barton, chief mate of the ship Challenge. Choate had cross-examined him for over an hour, hurling questions with the speed of a rapid fire gun.

"Was there a moon that night?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did you see it?"

"No, sir."

"Then how did you know there was a moon?"

"The 'Nautical Almanac' said so, and I'll believe that sooner than any lawyer in the world."

"Be civil, sir. And now tell me in what latitude and longitude you crossed the equator?"

"Ah, you are joking."

"No, sir; I am in earnest and I desire an answer."

"That's more than I can give."

"Indeed, you a chief mate and unable to answer so simple a question?"

"Yes, the simplest question I ever was asked. I thought even a fool of a lawyer knew there's no latitude at the equator!"—Success.

Her Retort.

He was explaining why he didn't get home until an early morning hour.

"The fact is," he said, "an old college chum—a stranger in the city—came to the office, and I felt as if I ought to entertain him a little."

"Oh, it was charity!" she interrupted.

"Why, yes," he returned, brightening at the suggestion, "you might call it charity to spend a little time and money on a lonesome—"

"But charity," she interrupted again, "begins at home."

Then he gave up the explanation business.—Chicago Post.

Automatic Resting Place.

Americans declare that the automatic bed is a British invention, but the fact is that the machine is in use only in the land of the dollar. The machine is over six feet in height. Drop a coin in the slot, and there falls down into a horizontal position a leather-covered couch provided with a comfortable rug. The tired traveler who misses his train, and has to wait an hour or so, can by means of this machine take a comfortable nap. When he gets off the couch it rises automatically into place again, and can only be brought down by the insertion of a fresh coin.—Tit-Bits.

Tea with the Duke and Duchess.

An old farmer once took tea with a former Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch at Drumlanrig Castle, his grace's Dumfriesshire estate.

His first cup of tea was gone almost before the duchess had poured it out. Again and again his cup was passed along to the head of the table. At the sixteenth cup the duchess became uneasy about the supply on hand.

"How many cups do you take, John?" she asked.

"How many do ye gie?" John asked, cannily.—St. James Budget.

Great Men's Wit.

Chief Justice Story attended a public dinner in Boston at which Edward Everett was present. Desiring to pay a delicate compliment to the latter, the learned judge proposed as a volunteer toast:

"Fame follows merit where Everett goes."

The brilliant scholar arose and responded:

"To whatever heights judicial learning may attain in this country, it will never get above one Story."—Success.

Told on Dr. Rainsford.

Dr. Rainsford had a habit at one time of conditioning his actions with the phrase, "Deo volente," or "God willing," or something of the sort. An old woman, the head of an aristocratic family, invited him to dine. "I shall be delighted to accept," he said, "if I can be spared." Perhaps the woman thought she sniffed out in the terminal phrase, for she said quickly: "Oh, if you're dead, I promise not to expect you."—Christian Register.

Remarkable.

Cittiman—I didn't think your wife would remember me.

Subbubs—Oh! yes indeed.

Cittiman—She seems to have a very good memory.

Subbubs—Wonderful, wonderful! Why, she can remember the names of all the cooks we ever had.—Philadelphia Press.

Knew Paris.

Bobson—I see that a Parisian countess is obliged to earn her living at the wash tub. Too bad, isn't it?

Deacon Bingle, who knows something about Paris—Well, I don't know, those Parisian washerwomen seemed to be a decidedly jolly lot.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Same Old Story.

The good old summer time has gone. Soon on the ice we'll slide; And the man who used to shut the door.

Will leave it open wide. —Chicago News.

Drawing the Line.

"Can you give me a room and bath?" asked the travel-stained guest who had just registered.

"I can give you a room, sir," replied the new hotel clerk, "but you'll have to bathe yourself."—Chicago News.

HARD LUCK WITH HOGS.

An Incident Which Shows a Little Learning Is Dangerous.

William McFarland, a wealthy Wash county (Ill.) farmer, lost a drove of fifty fine blooded hogs a few days ago in a most peculiar manner. Though the story may sound somewhat "fishy," it is nevertheless true and vouched for by any number of his neighbors.

Some time ago Mr. McFarland lost his voice, and he was unable to call his great drove of hogs, in which he took great pride, but he bridged over the difficulty by training them to respond at feeding time to his pounding on a board.

In time they became thoroughly accustomed to this call and whenever they heard the sound would race toward it as if their life depended upon getting there first. Running short of corn a few days ago, Mr. McFarland thought to economize by putting his hogs in a woods pasture, where they could shift for themselves. Unfortunately the pasture was full of dead trees, and in consequence woodpeckers were correspondingly thick. He had scarcely turned his back on the hogs, after turning them into the pasture till an old red-head on the far side began drumming on a tree.

Being hungry for corn and recognizing in it the old familiar call, the hogs with one accord raced for that locality. They had no more than arrived at the place indicated and discovered there was no corn in sight till they heard the call again, but far away in another direction. Away the hogs raced again, only to be once more disappointed, and again hear the call from afar off. The day was rather warm, and those hogs chased the woodpeckers back and forth across the field till the last one dropped dead from heat and exhaustion.

Mr. McFarland prized the stock highly and the hogs will be hard to replace.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Quits.



Patsy—Say Mame, you sure look swell in your new bonnet.

Mame—Ah, go on You'd say dat even if you didn't think it.

Patsy—Yes, and you'd think it even if I didn't say it.

A Keen Observer.

Driving along the road, Mr. Willyman and Mr. Depekesmer keep their eyes open for the main chance. Soon they come upon a neat little farm. One gable of the house and barn has a lightning rod, and there are lightning rods disposed artistically between the gables, as well as on all the fence posts, and on the patent windmill and on the automatic gate, and on the self-ringing dinner bell, and all about the field of Bohemian oats.

"Let's stop here," says Mr. Willyman.

"What for?"

"We can sell this man an air ship."

—Judge.

At the Tail End.

"Why don't you try to get ahead in the world?"

"Mister," said Meandering Mike, "it's a terrible thing to lead a procession. I've seen de drum major stepplin' along grand an' gorgeous, an' lookin' like de whole outfit was his willin' subjects. But de truth is dat he's got to keep movin', for if he ever gits tired dat whole procession is goin' to march right over his prostrate form wit' de band playin' 'Hail Columbia' jes' like not'in' had happened. Dat's why I ain't ambitious. Me fer de tail end, wit' de pushcarts an' de grocery wagons, every time."—Washington Star.

Br'er Williams's Philosophy.

Whilst most er de believers is sleepin' late, Satan gits up befo' day en gits down ter business.

Most folks ain't satisfied wid de world kaze de Lawd made it befo' dey had a chance ter give Him instructions.

Dar's a good deal er talk 'bout hell bein' 'in de sun. But even ef dat's de case, it'll be hot enough fer me en my family connections.—Atlanta Constitution.

He Was Satisfied.

Uncle Remus was driving a white mule hitched to an ancient gig.

"That's a very old affair in these days of progress," remarked the stranger.

"Doan' matter wid me," drawled the old man, contentedly puffing his pipe; "dis heah gig kin jolt es much as de finest automobile, en dat der mule kin bray loudah den de biggest hohn."—Chicago Daily News.

A Careless Gossip.

Miss Kidder—They've only been married six months but whenever her husband goes away on a business trip she's delighted, and prepares to have a good time.

Miss Menhley—Ah! Do you know I suspected something like that. I always said—

Miss Kidder—Yes, you see, he takes her with him.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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